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Harwood Santa Claus Parade - photo by L.J. Jackson

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Cordova Mines Parade



Festive smiles from Santa and Mrs. Claus as well as all who were at the many town Santa Claus parades this past weekend.



Campbellford Parade - photo Rolly Either



Historic doll - photo Brian Dunning



Madoc Parade - photo L.J. Jackson

Ethanol the Holy Grail of Travel

By L.J. Jackson

The Province of Ontario will require that all gasoline in the province will contain an average of five percent ethanol by the year 2007. By 2010 the percentage will rise to ten percent ethanol.

"The result will be a cleaner burning fuel and it will be a double bonus for folks in my riding," MPP Leonard Brown spoke enthusiastically about the new initiative, which, he insists, will be a positive step for farmers, the environment as well as the economy. "As the demand for ethanol increases, the market for corn will increase."

The Canadian firm Iogen recently released the world's first cellulose ethanol for commercial use. Cellulose ethanol is made from the non-food portion of renewable feedstocks, such as wheat straw, and is one of the cleanest and most cost effective means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in transport.

MPP Dombrowsky said that Iogen have the technology now to use corn husks after all edible kernels have been removed.

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Dr. Janet Webb Will Be Returning to Madoc

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc - Dr. Janet Webb spent her summer at Madoc, Ont., returning to her medical practice at Edmonstone, Ont., recently.

It appeared that the word had arrived from Saint Nicholas himself, as the members of the medical board, along with Dr. Janet Yonson, announced the news of the doctor's Christmas present assignment.

"Dr. Webb will be returning" was the official message after the Santa Claus Parade.

Dr. Webb assisted Dr. Yonson in the Madoc Medical Centre during the summer, working with emergency cases and patients, mostly attending the clinic. She kept an open mind, weighing in and out over the summer, while admitting that the end of the year would be a family decision. She stated in an interview to the Review earlier in the year, that she was unable to take time off because it would be easier to start, and her schedule was difficult to manage.

Dr. Webb had previously stated that this was expected to be a trial period, but she was not expecting the word to come so early. It is expected that she will be taking on the challenge of a full-time position. With the help of medical staff in the area, Dr. Webb, a family doctor, and members of the medical board, are looking forward to her return.

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Coats for Kids program offers warm winter gear

Peterborough—United Way's Coats for Kids has once again provided more than 1,000 children in need in Peterborough City and County with warm winter gear for the coming season. As always, the generosity of the community made the program possible as individuals brought their gently used coats, snow pants and snowsuits to area dry cleaners to be professionally cleaned.

Coats for Kids extends a warm thank you to Grainger

Cleaners, Kent Cleaners, Rocky's Cleaners, Twin Cleaners and Windsor's Cleaners, who provide their excellent services year after year free of charge. Harbour Front Laundromat also assisted in the project.

Volunteer knitters

Volunteer knitters also made their annual contributions to Coats for Kids as Mitts for Kids, providing woolen mittens, and the Kawartha Hooks and Nec-

dles Guild provided hand-knitted headbands for the children.

The Peterborough Armouries, Hasting Prince Edward Regiment and Ontario Early Years Centre provided space for distribution and Mr. Summerhayes' class at Children's Montessori School helped with set-up.

Of course the program would not be possible at all without the generous donations from members of the community who provided the winter clothing.

Physiotherapy treatments still covered by OHIP

Toronto—The Ontario Physiotherapy Association reminds the public that OHIP coverage for physiotherapy treatments continues until March 31, 2005.

"There appears to be a mistaken impression that physiotherapy is being delisted from OHIP at the same time as chiropractic and optometry," explained Christina Boyle, President of the OPA. "That is not the case."

The cutoff for physiotherapy has always been the end of the government's fiscal year.

Added Ms. Boyle: "Patients may continue to receive physiotherapy treatments under OHIP until March 31, 2005."

In addition, the delisting affects only the 91 community physiotherapy clinics and 29 home care providers who are currently licensed to bill through OHIP Schedule Five. Even after March 31, 2005, people will continue to be able to obtain publicly-funded physiotherapy in hospital in-patient and outpatient clinics, in their homes through the local Community Care Access Centers and in long-term care facilities. The OPA is currently working with the Ministry of Health Long-Term Care to enhance the public's access to publicly-funded physiotherapy.

New brochure tackles teen drug, alcohol use

Northumberland—A growing concern over local teenagers using drugs and alcohol is driving development of a new resource designed to tackle the problem.

Hundreds of copies of a new brochure called "Alcohol and Other Drug Resources for Parents" are being distributed to local schools and agencies that work with youth and parents. The brochure is produced by the Northumberland Drug Action Committee (NDAC) and is interested in helping parents and others deal with drug and alcohol use among youth.

The brochure includes information on recognizing signs of drug use, understanding the dangers and responding to drug problem situations. Also listed are more than a dozen agencies—both local and across Ontario—that provide treatment services and resources.

Members of NDAC launched the brochure at a special news conference at St. Mary's Secondary School in Cobourg. Local parents, educators, police officers and others spoke about the need to address the myth that youth in Northumberland County are free of drug and alcohol problems.

"I think this brochure comes with a reality check that young people in the County are using drugs and alcohol," said Lisa van der Vinne, chairperson of NDAC and a Public

Health Nurse with Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The numbers bear this out. The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health surveyed 6,000 students across Ontario in 2003 to track trends in drug use among young people. Within the Central East region, which includes Northumberland County, the survey found 70 per cent of students reported drinking alcohol and nearly one-third of the respondents stated they smoked marijuana. The statistics for the local region were higher than the Ontario average.

Interviewed 300 students

Earlier this year, the local Health Unit interviewed 300 students across Northumberland County to find out what they thought of drug use in the community. Of those surveyed, nearly three-quarters of students said they believed Northumberland County had a drug problem. Comments such as "drugs are easy to get" and "everyone does drugs" were all too common, said van der Vinne.

NDAC is a partnership that wants to raise awareness about the problems of drugs and alcohol locally. Copies of NDAC's new resource brochure are available by calling a Health Unit office in Port Hope, Campbellford and Brighton.

Police Chase Leads from Stirling to Campbellford

After a report of an erratically driven vehicle travelling east-bound from Campbellford on Hoard's Road, an officer of the Stirling Rawdon Police sighted the vehicle leaving the old railway line proceeding south to W. Front St. in Stirling.

When the driver of the vehicle failed to stop at W. Front St. and interfering with west-bound traffic, the offender was followed to Wingfield Road. The driver of the vehicle increased speed with the chase. As the vehicle passed the intersecting road at Hoard's Road at 100 kph, assistance was summoned and a second Stirling Rawdon Police vehicle joined the pursuit.

Upon turning west on the 7th line of Seymour and South again through a field, the pursuit was discontinued. The pursuing Officer noted the vehicle was a brown Dodge Pickup with two occupants bearing the licence J28 895.

Suspect identified

A suspect has been identified and the investigation is continuing. One of the police vehicles sustained light damage to the undercarriage.

Vandalism Costs \$200 Worth of Damage

Police also received the report of two tires being flattened on a van parked on Victoria St. overnight, November 21/04. The act of vandalism caused \$200 worth of damage and police are still searching for a suspect operating in the Stirling ward. Anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers or the Stirling-Rawdon police at 613-395-0844.

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Kids 'n Santa at Madoc Kiwanis Centre



Just in case Santa forgot, some children came prepared with their list. Santa will be checking it twice.



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The long parade was a little too much for this young fellow. But Santa will remember him just the same.



Some seemed a bit surprised, mesmerized as well as perhaps inquisitive about that soft white beard.



All the children knew - that yes there is a Santa Claus - and with a twinkle of his eye, a twitch of his nose and the spirit of the season, he stopped for all the good little girls and boys at Madoc.



To some the jolly Santa was hilarious.

Conservation Authorities Recieve Funding to Protect Drinking Water

Conservation Ontario applauded the Provincial government's announcement recently to provide \$13 million to assist Conservation Authorities and their partners to protect drinking water in Ontario.

"The government's announcement is very welcome and encouraging," said Peter Krause, Chair of Conservation Ontario, representing Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities.

The Minister of the Environment Leona Dombrowsky and the Minister of Natural Resources David Ramsay jointly announced that the government is providing funding for source protection planning for all watersheds in the province.

Just over \$10 million will be directed to Conservation Authorities to prepare for this planning effort and develop water budgets that will identify the availability and use of water on a watershed basis.

"Pulling together existing data and undertaking preliminary technical studies is necessary for future decisions about water in Ontario," said Krause. "The government's funding will enable this work to move ahead quickly."

Conservation Authorities are local watershed management agencies that work in partnership with municipalities and other levels of government to plan and carry out natural re-

source programs and services. Since the Walkerton Inquiry in 2001, Conservation Authorities have been advocating source protection planning and implementation in the province as a critical component in protecting drinking water and ensuring public health.

"It makes good fiscal and environmental sense to protect sources of drinking water in our watersheds," said Krause. "This includes lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater sources. While many of us have access to drinking water from municipal systems, treating this water is more expensive than protecting it in the first place."

Protecting drinking water

at their sources is particularly critical to the almost 2 million people who draw their drinking water, untreated, from these various sources.

Conservation Authorities have a proven track record of successfully managing water quality and quantity in their watersheds. They will work with all levels of government, First Nations and various stakeholders in the development of source protection plans.

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Tessa Lowry
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Typical symptoms include being tired all the time, unable to concentrate, gaining weight, often irritable, feeling anxious, sleeping too much, craving sweet or starchy foods. (These symptoms can also indicate other health problems.) January and February are the most difficult months. The further north you go, the worse it gets.

What to do? Go outside in the sun as much as possible. Get plenty of exercise and join friends for physical activities. Open your house to as much light as possible - get rid of dark and dreary and surround yourself with light. Ask your health

care provider about artificial light therapy. If you efforts don't do the job, get professional help promptly; remember, if you're depressed all the time, it won't go away on its own.

SAD can be beaten. Effective treatment will bring you rapid relief.

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*Things your
mother
taught you*

**At least, the things my
mother taught me.**

*Always keep a clean handkerchief
in your pocket.
That's a little difficult in today's
world. Have you ever tried to keep*

a Kleenex in your pocket for any length of time? It comes out as a sad, wrinkled, balled up bit of material, totally unsuited to the purpose you had intended.

Instead, today, we keep a package of handkerchiefs (Kleenex), and think ourselves far advanced to our Mother's time. But, did you ever try to use a Kleenex to bind up a wound? Did you ever try to use a Kleenex to wrap around anything you wanted to bring home? The wound isn't covered, and in the second scenario, it will always melt into that thing you wanted to bring home.

Always wear clean underwear, you never know.

Boy, was she right on that one. We all have a little personal anecdote no doubt. Just keep it to yourself, though, nobody else wants to admit theirs either.

Always look after your brother and or sister.

Yep, Mom certainly was right on that one. Our Mom is gone now, but her words live on. Every so often one of us calls the other, thinks of something nice for the others, or even occasionally visits, to catch up on grandchildren, reminisce over our own childhoods, or just compare recipes, gardens, etc. It's so reassuring to know that a piece of our parents is still there to see in our siblings.

Get up early each day, and work hard in all you do.

She certainly knew what she was talking about there. Age 14 saw her starting to work as a maid in a European household. Early there meant 4 am to prepare for the day, and finishing off and into bed by 9 pm. In between there was lots of cleaning, ironing, washing, and cooking, with Sundays off to go home to her Mom, where she helped with household chores, sewing and knitting. In her "spare time" she managed to attend symphony and opera performances, meet Dad, go dancing, and cycling, and advancing her shortened education through reading every book she could get her hands on.

Her life was a success, as measured by the ideals she lived by and passed on.

Her life was a success, as measured by those who knew and loved her.

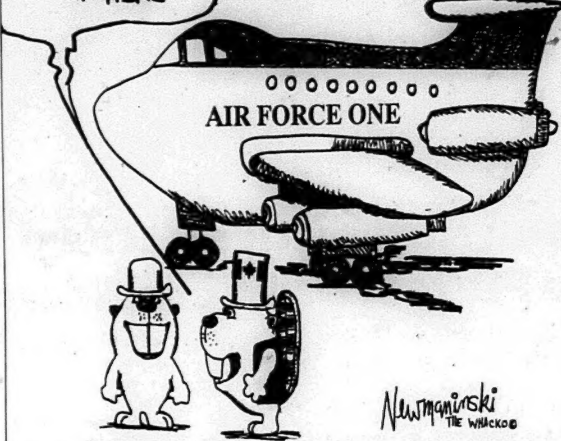
Her life was a success, because she lived up to her motto,

"My yes is yes, and my no is no."

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HIM WE HAD OIL
UP HERE



Letters to the editor

Enjoying the Paper's Contents

Dear Linda (Jackson),
Just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your contributions to the Stirling News Argus.

Unlike many reporters who slip in, take a photo and hurry away after 5 minutes, you take the time to see and hear what is happening.

My wife and I were fortunate to be visitors to St. Paul's the day of the moderator's visit. Your reporting of that event was complete and accurate. Peter Short is a story teller; it is one of his strengths as a communicator. You related two of his key stories very well giving your readers a very good sense of his message to St. Paul's as well as relating the events of the day very completely. Your photos as always add to the interest and attractiveness of the paper.

The number of events that you cover each week must make you a very busy person.

Thank you again for making the paper an interesting read each week.

David Cooke
Stirling Ontario

Hit & Run Driver vs Good Samaritans

This is a letter of thanks first of all to the good Samaritans who save my dog's life. We will be eternally thankful. He is our best friend and an important member of our family and small community.

Chance was laying unconscious on highway #62, just north

of White Lake Cemetery from a hit and run driver. You know who you are and should be thoroughly ashamed of yourself.

Life and death for these loved furry friends can depend on minutes. Please stop and seek help when you hit a dog or a cat. It shows a respect for life, the animal and the owners.

That ride to the hospital was the longest ride in the world. I almost lost him, but thanks to the quick response of the people who approached, noticing he was alive; Bob, Terry and Andrea, my good neighbours, who accompanied our little buddy and I to the hospital.

He will survive to give us many more years of loyalty, love and companionship.

A special thanks to the Belleville Animal Hospital for their care.

Susan R. Reid
Madoc Ontario

Shame on you!

As predicted, MPs have given themselves a raise through the back door. How can these troublemakers justify this raise? For the last few weeks we have been hearing about Canadians infected with HepC from contaminated blood losing their life savings, going bankrupt and dying. Where was this caring compassionate government when these people were overloaded? Where does the average Canadian turn to for help with ballooning utilities costs, drug costs, food costs and everything else that is increasing in price? We do not have the luxuries that these MPs do—we cannot just give our pay a boost. The spin given to

justify this raise is sickening, and a slap in the face to every Canadian trying to make ends meet. They should hang their heads in shame.

Rebecca Gingrich
Princeton, Ontario

Time for community to react

I am writing this out of concern following recent media reports on the near riot in downtown Port Hope. Violent incidents such as this are shocking to the community and bad news for the owners of licensed establishments, the town and law enforcement officials.

These incidents, combined with the recent release of statistics from the Centre of Addiction and Mental Health, indicating that Northumberland County has a higher than average rate of substance use, suggest that this problem may even be getting worse.

EDITORIAL

Other communities have developed coalitions and committees of municipal representatives, law enforcement officials, public health staff, licensed establishments and liquor inspectors. These committees have worked together to develop strategies, including bylaws and municipal policies which make it easier for police to maintain the peace.

Some communities have developed Alcohol Accords, which are contracts between the town, licensed establishments, the liquor inspectors and the police. These Accords clearly spell out each organization's role and responsibility in addressing the issue. For example, licensed establishments may agree to stagger their closing times, the Town may agree to ensure that taxis are lined up waiting outside and the police may agree to maintaining a visible presence.

The challenge is to have the key partners and every member of the community to play a role in addressing the issue of alcohol and violence. We need to examine our own attitudes towards binge drinking and substance abuse.

What kind of role models are we to the youth in our community? Drinking for the sole purpose of getting drunk is socially acceptable, and to some extent, celebrating Canadian culture. It's seen as a rite of passage among many, including athletic teams and universities and colleges, with little discussion of the risks and consequences that accompany it. Mentors, coaches, teachers and parents all need to talk more about the risks of binge drinking—risks that are substantial and include violence, injury, sexual assault, unplanned sexual activity, alcohol poisoning and impaired driving.

Consider the Port Hope incident a wake-up call. Let's all start talking about this issue and focus on some concrete solutions. At the same time, parents, coaches and teachers should open up lines of communication with young people. This might help ensure they won't follow the example set for them in the Port Hope incident.

Lisa van der Vinne,
Health Promoter,
Hailburton, Kawartha, Pine
Ridge District Health Unit

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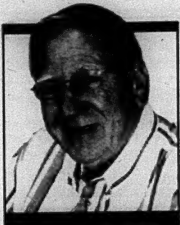
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Gord Dancy
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An article in an old Toronto weekend newspaper carried a story about a man in Caracas confessing to cannibalism. "Sure I eat people" he said. "anyone can eat human flesh, but you have to clean it well and garnish it well to avoid disease. I make very tasty stew with

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tongue and I use the eyes to make a nutritious soup."

With the holiday season upon us, the thought of dinner parties and entertaining guests comes to mind at this time of the year. Here are some possibilities based on the theory about eating human flesh by this man in Caracas.

It got me thinking of some dishes this person might serve to his guests.

You could serve up a delicious

leg of Sam, with mustard and mint sauce. You might start off with an appetizer of toe-stools, garnished with cranberry sauce. Just think of the possibilities! Foot long hot dogs, with real feet. For finger food, why not real fingers, not marinated, but manicured. Butterflied thighs with stove top dressing. Kidney pie or how about larynx soup that screams delicious with a hint of Vicks cough syrup.

Another good meal might be ears and corn with lots of butter, salt and pepper. A lovely shoulder roast with sage dressing. A fancy butt or rump roast - boneless of course, with apple sauce dressing or HP sauce.

Live up your holiday party a bit with a liver pate. Headcheese is always nice. But here's a hint

- leave the ears on the head. It makes it much easier to remove from the oven, using the ears as handles. Now if the person you are cooking was a weak type of individual, you might serve breast of chicken.

For dessert, what could be better than nose n'berry pie.

Yes, I can hear him on the phone inviting us to dinner.

"Gord, why don't you and Jennifer come over for some Bobby Rubino ribs tonight?"

"Great, we love Bobby Rubino ribs!"

"You don't understand, these are Bobby Rubino's own ribs."

"Oh well, maybe we'll pass, we're going to stay home and watch a movie."

.....AND SO IT GOES!

Kids 'n Santa at Madoc Kiwanis Centre



Is that a reindeer on Santa's lap?



They chatted, told all their secrets and wishes for a merry Christmas.



Santa talked to the shy ones and the chatty

Look for more Kids'n Santa photos by Tessa Lowry in the weeks to come

Madoc Parade Was Spectacular

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc - Although there was no Christmas snow, the Madoc Santa Claus Parade was a magical trip into a Seasonal Wonderland.

Kudos for the Madoc Parade were everywhere as the long line of bands including CFB Trenton 8 Wing Pipe Band, Stirling Citizens Band, Belleville Shri-

ners, Quinte Sea Cadets; close to 40 floats; horses....

Prizes for the floats went to: the Most Lighted Float - the Harley Davidson Club; Children's Theme - Madoc Township Public School; Most Christmas Theme - Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

A crowd of children, with parents, grandchildren and ev-

eryone in between came out to the parade that more than met their expectations. Comment from a Belleville resident, "Wow! I will be coming here again next year and telling my friends."

"The bands were great. I really enjoy the bands at a parade."

...and of course from some of the smaller members of the

audience, "Can you see Santa yet?"

After the parade - children lined up at the Kiwanis Centre for hot dogs, hot chocolate and whisper their secrets to Santa Claus.

Check next week's paper for Kids'n Santa photos by Tessa Lowry.



Street Question of the week

What do you do on Saturday nights to fill the NHL hockey void?



"My husband and I are curlers so we are frequenting curling rinks more often than before."
Sue Cushing Havelock



"I watch a good movie there is one on TV if not the I go to bed."
Santa Claus following his annual parade visit to Norwood

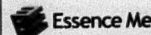


Photo Above: After a long parade, it was hot dogs, hot chocolate and the finishing touches as they readied their Polar Express float for the parade. And it was worth all the work, as the school won the for the best "Children's Theme".

Photo Left: Students and staff with the Madoc Public School float in the parade. And it was worth all the work, as the school won the for the best "Children's Theme".

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Farmers receive more time to access funding for nutrient compliance

Guelph The Ontario government is providing the province's large livestock farmers with additional time to access funding through the Nutrient Management Financial Assistance Program. Minister of Agriculture and Food Steve Peters made the announcement.

"The legislation is designed to help farmers better protect Ontario's water sources by putting in place clear and consistent

rules," said Peters. "The farming community has suffered financial hardships in the last year. To make accessing funds more straightforward and helpful for farmers, we've changed the deadline for the program. That's good for farmers, good for the environment and good for all of us."

The government has amended a regulation under the Nutrient Management Act to match the

compliance date with the availability of \$20 million in funding. Ontario's existing 1,200 large livestock operators must be in compliance with the Act by Dec. 31, 2005.

"We know this financial assistance program is important to Ontario's agricultural community. That's why we took the time to get the details right. We're pleased that the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) has agreed to deliver this program," said Peters.

OSCIA president Steven Eastep said that organization

has a long and effective history when it comes to farmer-to-farmer education and awareness building.

"We're pleased to build on our long-standing relationship with both local farmers and the provincial government and partner in the delivery of this initiative that will enhance the agriculture sector's environmental stewardship," he noted.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, along with the OSCI, will work with affected farmers to assist them in understanding the requirements of the amended regulation and how to access the program.

Rural Ramble committee honoured for innovation

"Winners have all shown vision, creativity, perseverance and leadership. All have made tangible contributions to the growth of the sector and the economic and environmental sustainability of rural Canada."

Agricultural Minister Lyle Vanclef, 2001, at first Canadian Agri-Food Awards of Excellence.

Toronto—Codrington couple Cathy and Howard McCann accepted an award of national recognition Nov. 8th on behalf of the Rural Ramble Farm Tour committee as well as all the hosts, participants and volunteers.

The honour was bestowed during the 4th annual Canadian Agri-Food Awards of Excellence sponsored by the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Presented by Minister and Agriculture and Food Steve Peters, the Agricultural Awareness and Education Award recognized Rural Ramble as a national leader for contributions made through the annual farm tour. It was cited for providing unique experiences for the public in being able to visit Northumberland County's working farms of great diversity and interest.

It was noted that Rural Ramble creates opportunities for urban and non-farm families to become ag-aware by providing and encouraging participation in interactive and entertaining displays, exhibits and activities at over 20 different farm sites and rural attractions throughout every municipality in the County.

Four other awards for environmental stewardship, export, innovation and volunteerism were presented to recipients from various provinces at the ceremony and all award recipients were feted at a luncheon with officials from the Royal Winter Fair.

Rural Ramble is now a nationally recognized event that has evolved into a summer tradition in Ontario.



Maria Heissler honoured for conservation efforts

Nominated by Lower Trent authority

Alliston—Well-known conservationist Maria Heissler, along with her late husband Paul, received a Conservation Pioneer award at the A.D. Latonell Conservation Symposium held last week in Alliston, Ont. The award was presented at a luncheon attended by 800 people at Ontario's largest gathering of conservation researchers and practitioners.

The Conservation Pioneer Award honours individuals who have contributed significantly to the conservation movement in Ontario. The prestigious award is presented annually to five deserving individuals who have "shown us the value of perseverance and grassroots initiative and they have set the standards of excellence in delivering projects. Most important, they have inspired conservation professionals and volunteers everywhere."

Conservation groups such as conservation authorities, universities, not-for-profit organizations and government agencies can all make nominations for the award. The Heisslers were nominated for the award by Lower Trent Conservation.

Maria Heissler and her husband, the late Paul Heissler, have been active environmental stewards since moving to the Quinte area in 1953. Over the years, their farm along Cold Creek has become a model of wise land management and a testimony to their strong belief in conservation. Paul and Maria spearheaded the formation of the Cold Creek Improvement Association in 1989 with the intent of influencing their neighbours to follow their example.

While Paul had the dream and was most often credited with the drive in the couple's many environmental accomplishments, Maria was the one who, with stalwart persistence, made the key contacts and did most of the public speaking.

In 1989, Paul was recognized at the Soil & Water Conservation Society's Annual Conference held in Edmonton where he received an honour award.

Played Key Role

The Latonell Conference is named for Art Latonell who played a key role in Ontario's conservation authorities program from the 1950's to the 1970's. Part of the philosophy of Latonell Symposium is the support and mentoring of future conservationists and the recognition of the men and women who have dedicated their lives to improving the world around them.

Paul was instrumental in the formation of Lower Trent Conservation in 1968 and, in fact, worked closely with Art Latonell who was the field service supervisor for the Ministry of Natural Resources at the time.

The couple's most recent environmental project was the acquisition of the "Bleasdel Boulder", or "Glen Miller Rock", near Trenton in 1997 in an effort to make it publicly accessible. The Bleasdel Boulder Natural Heritage Site contains a 44 feet long by 24 feet wide metamorphic rock, or "glacial erratic" deposited more than 20,000 years ago. Thanks to the Heissler's persistence, the site now has a proper entrance, a bridge, a forest management plan and 800 new trees. Maria continues to be actively involved with the Bleasdel Boulder Preservation Corporation, the non-profit organization the couple established in 2001.

At his passing in 2002 at the age of 95, Paul was remembered as an avid environmentalist who made a difference in the world around him. The Heisslers planted thousands of trees and influenced many on their policies of wise land use. Their dedication to protecting the environment is a legacy to us all.

After being notified of the award, Maria was quick to point out that she accepts the award not for the glory of receiving an environmental award but for the hope that others will learn from their example and be inspired to do their part for the conservation and protection of our natural environment.

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Holiday decorating can mean bringing lots of extra plants and greenery into our homes. When you deck the halls, keep in mind any pets who will have access to the decorations.

Many people have heard that poinsettias can be toxic for animals. Fortunately, illness tends to be limited to nausea and mild vomiting if the plant is eaten. Several other holiday plants pose a more serious risk. Cyclamen, Narcissus ("paper whites"), Amaryllis, and real Mistletoe and Holly berries can all cause severe illness, and even death, if eaten. Keep these plants out of reach of pets and children.

While we are treating ourselves with special holiday foods, there is a temptation to offer the same items to our pets. Resist the temptation! "People food" often causes vomiting and diarrhea. Several foods can cause serious illness. Chocolate is poisonous for dogs and cats, with pure-baker's chocolate being the most toxic. Recently, it has been discovered that eating grapes or raisins can cause kidney failure in dogs, so keep them away from that fruit cake. Keep dogs out of the kitchen while you do your Christmas baking. If they eat uncooked dough containing yeast, it will continue to rise and ferment in their stomach causing bloating, intestinal blockage and intoxication.

For more information on pet safety, check out the Animal Poison Control Centre website at www.apcc.aspc.org. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season from Campbellford Veterinary Services.

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Special Christmas benefit supports Westben Theatre Merry Christmas from True North Brass



True North Brass have delighted Campbellford audiences in the past, particularly with their interpretations for Christmas. The instrumental group will provide another taste of Christmas as a la brass Dec. 15th at St. John's United Church. Members of the quintet includes Roy Tizzard and Barton Woomert, trumpets; Joan Watson, horn; Alastair Kay, trombone and Scott Irvine, tuba.

Campbellford—One of Canada's finest ensembles delivers a unique present to Trent Hills this Christmas. The internationally acclaimed True North Brass is donating a sleigh full

of splendid Christmas music at a special benefit concert on behalf of the Westben Festival Theatre. The visit takes place on Wednesday, December 15 at 7

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The King and Legend of Rock n' Roll to Rock Madoc

By L.Jackson

Madoc - Young females with palpating hearts swoon. Avid Elvis fans' knees grow weak. As long as there are impersonators like Mike "E" & the Hounddogs, the King of Rock n' Roll will live forever.

It was the talent, good humour, humility and human kindness more than the good looks, sensuality and charisma of the most popular figure of the 20th century, that attracted Mike Calamusa to imitate the moves, the dress, the look and the voice of Elvis Presley.

This Elvis, has been given red roses, as he vibrates on stage, perfecting the legend's moves. He reciprocates like the shadow of the past, with a scarf. The voice echoes a past as the figure stands in the famous pose, with studded jumpsuits awakening the power of the singer whose voice and magnetism swept the entire world.

"I hear his voice when I am on stage and that's the only thing I hear." Admittedly, a perfectionist, this by day owner of a heating company takes his evening job as seriously as his day job. Whether it is voice, sound, style or dress, on stage, Mike Calamusa becomes the creator of Rock n' Roll. "We have practised getting everything just right...the exact riffs, copying the sound, the man, his looks and his moods. The costumes are exact replicas.... It took me 55 hours to put the studding on..."

"I like everything about the guy," the Elvis imitator confesses that his favourite era is the 70's Elvis where he feels the power of the music. He speaks of the King with the utmost respect.

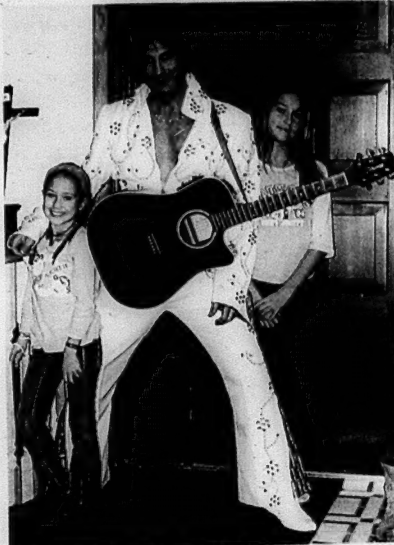
"He was the perfect example of what a person should be. He was a great person with good values."

Like his idol, Mike is a self taught musician and singer. Like Elvis, he has taken no professional training, but the voice is commanding and powerful and the songs remarkable with rawness and candor. It is all about pure rock and feeling. It's all about honesty, roughness with the sensitivity to sing it how it feels. And it's about serenading.

And it seems to be working for him. Mike's recent recognition that his perfectionist attitude is working for him is the recent third place win at Lake George New York competing against Elvis imitators all over the world. He has also won third at the Collingwood Elvis Festival. "It all began three years ago when I auditioned at Picton for the Elvis Has Left the Building...I got a good response and now all I sing is Elvis....I like to practice in the car."

Mike "E" & the Hound Dogs continue to perfect their per-

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Mike "E" on stage with the Hounddogs; Mike Calamusa at his day job and Elvis when he competes with the many imitators. Most recently he was awarded the third place win at Lake George New York competing against Elvis imitators all over the world. He has also won third at the Collingwood Elvis Festival and continues to perfect the image, the dress, the mannerisms and voice of his idol. In the photo he is a little bit King of Rock n' Roll and a little bit dad. His daughters Brittany and Cassandra admit their dad is "cool"; photo: L.J. Jackson

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Young Norwood author ready for book signing

Story selected by North American preteen vote

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel: Norwood - An aspiring young Norwood author has had her story selected for publication and will be front and centre Dec. 11 during a book signing session at Titles Bookstore in Peterborough.

Erin Carthew, a 14-year-old grade nine student, will be autographing copies of the recently released "Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul 2" where her inspirational story "Pushed by an Angel" is published. She wrote the story when she was 12.

Erin's story about how her four-year-old sister Melanie was saved from being hit by a car by a guardian angel was selected from among thousands of entries by a prepublication panel of over 600 preteen readers from across North America. She was one of thousands of hopeful authors involved in the story hunt.

Kids are hungry for stories like Erin's that show them that dreams are possible to achieve, even dur-

ing the sometimes confounding and pressure-filled years between 9 and 13. When they read stories that let them know they're not alone dealing with body chang-

Kids are hungry for stories like Erin's that show them that dreams are possible to achieve, even during the sometimes confounding and pressure-filled years between 9 and 13.

es, friendship issues, first crushes, difficult choices, permanent loss and other tough stuff, preteens find reassurance and perspective. "Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul 2" promotes positive thinking and action, giving to others, unity and tolerance by presenting stories like Erin's, written by preteens who are willing to share their personal experiences with

their peer group.

What goes on in the lives of preteens? You can find out from Erin during the autograph session. She can tell you what motivated her to accomplish what she did and how she ended up with the opportunity to share her inspiring story with millions of other preteens who are looking for encouragement, empowerment and just plain old comfort as they negotiate the short - but important and significant - preteen years.

The young student author obviously has had a keen interest in writing and art for a number of years and hopes to make that her career. Her other hobbies include crafts, playing the drums and mentoring her younger sister.

A portion of the proceeds of the sales of this book will be donated to various nonprofit organizations including Kristi Yamaguchi's "Always Dream Foundation"; the "Life Rolls On Foundation," which raises money to fund spinal cord research and UNICEF.

Handel's Messiah set to soar

Peterborough - The Peterborough Singers renew a tradition when they present two performances of Handel's Messiah Dec. 13-14 in beautifully restored George Street United Church. For over 250 years, this extraordinary work with its joyous and majestic music has united the hearts of listeners and performers.

Soprano Sally Dibblee's has appeared many times with the Singers. Over the years, she has been guest soloist at Christmas, Messiah, Valentines or the Spring Oratorio and has always delighted audiences.

Alto Marianne Bindig entertained audiences last year as alto soloist for the Messiah and in the spring in Haydn's Nelson Mass and Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor. Peter Blanchet has a reputation as one of the most gifted character tenors in the operatic world and

Paul Massel, former Phantom of the Opera star, treats his parishioners to his superb baritone voice whenever he presides in their liturgies. The Singers are pleased that he has agreed to return as their bass soloist for the Messiah this year. Ian Sadler, organist extraordinaire, he pulls it all together.

The Peterborough Singers perform under the direction of Syd Birrell.

Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$11 for students and are available from Titles Bookstore, Emmaus Family Books, Pammett's Flowers in Peterborough and Hopewell Books & Yarns in Lakefield. The Family rate (2 adults, two children) is \$55 and is available through the new Peterborough Singers office. Call 705-745-1820 for more information.



Soprano, Sally Dibblee

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Merry Christmas from True North Brass

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p.m. at St. John's United Church in Campbellford.

"We love Westben!" says True North horn player, Joan Watson. "Anything we can do to support this outstanding Canadian festival is our pleasure!"

Despite its wonderful concerts in 2004, Westben joined many festivals and theatres in facing a lean year financially.

"Like other not-for-profit, charitable arts organizations, Westben depends on government grants as well as memberships, sponsorships and donations to augment its ticket revenues," says Westben Chair-Ron Sargent, adding that "an unexpected reduction of a major government grant this year caused a major challenge."

Canada's artistic community is ready to do more than sing its praises! According to Canadian tenor Mark DuBois, "Westben is a strong and vital part of the arts community in this country and as a Canadian artist, I give it all the support I can."

Also trumpeting its support is True North Brass, an ensemble which burst on to the Canadian scene in 1997, and has since solidified its reputation as one of Canada's most exciting ensembles.

Proudly Canadian in focus and expression, True North Brass has been welcomed not only in Canada but in China and throughout North America. True North Brass has released three critically acclaimed CDs, the latest of which (A True North Christmas) was the most frequently played CD on CBC radio in the 2001 holiday season.

As well as past appearances at Westben, True North Brass have also been featured guest artists at the International Brass Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia. They accompanied Prime Minister Chretien's 1998 trade mission to China, performing recitals in Beijing and Wuhan and directing master classes at the Beijing Conservatory.

The ensemble has also performed master classes and recitals at the Boston and New England Conservatories and toured British Columbia, Ontario, Tennessee, Connecticut, Virginia, Texas, New Hampshire, Alabama, and Florida.

Christmas with the True North Brass will also feature Donna Bennett, soprano and Brian Finley, piano. Concert time is 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 15 at St. John's United Church in Campbellford. Westben also encourages patrons to bring a food item to donate to the Campbellford Fare Share food bank. For tickets and information, please contact the Westben Box Office: 653-5508 or 1-877-883-5777, or visit westben.on.ca.

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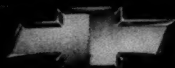
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Elvis in Madoc

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performances with Drummer Ed Quinn; Backup Vicki Wallace; Bass Kelley Salamanchuk; Lead Guitarist Bill Hughes; and Keyboard Fred Quirry with Mike as the lead vocal singer.

The bands next performance is at Madoc Kiwanis Centre on December 4th at 6:30 p.m. for the Central Hastings Support Network and Food Bank's fundraiser. For further information of the upcoming event or for tickets contact the Resource Centre at 613-473-5255.



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Sports Regional

Vipers top scorer loves the game Chad Birkhof fits in with Norwood

By Bill Freeman

Aphrodite-Norwood—Chad Birkhof has put the puck in the net wherever he has played and he hasn't lost his touch wearing a Norwood J.J. Stewart Vipers jersey. Another constant is his love of the game and the camaraderie a good team can generate.

That camaraderie and commitment to excellence is a strong reason why the Norwood Vipers are on top of the Eastern Senior "A" standings, Birkhof notes.

"Playing in Norwood is unreal. It is a class organization," he says. "All the guys involved have done an excellent job. It's like a professional organiza-

tion (without the big-time contracts).

"I'm having a ton of fun. Everything about Norwood is so classy."

Birkhof is the team's leading scorer and is feeding off a roster of highly-skilled players dedicated to winning. That is something he really likes about the Vipers.

"There is a high level of skill but the biggest thing is the commitment of the guys and the coaching staff. We have a team that shows up every game to play."

And that extends to practices as well, he adds, where players



Playmaker: Chad Birkhof adds his big-time playmaking skills to the Norwood Vipers. Photo/Bill Freeman

are every bit as dedicated to the team concept.

Team captain Dave Stewart "adds a ton," he says. "When people see the commitment from him they follow it."

Birkhof played minor hockey in Peterborough, moving on to Junior C in Port Hope and Cobourg then jumping to the Sudbury Wolves where he earned an OHL-Tier II contract. Rather than moving up and down with the major Wolves and the tier team, he decided to come home and was actually out of the game for about five years before getting invitations to a couple of pro camps in the U.S.

One of those try-outs was with the Minnesota North Stars when he was 21. He led the team in scoring during camp but was only offered a minor league contract and was disappointed.

"That just gets you down," he recalls. "I thought I showed better than that and thought I should have got something better than the minor league contract."

"I was in the middle of an apprenticeship as a mechanic so I finished that off and worked for Jack McGee for eight years."

Then he crossed the ocean to play in Germany for a year.

His wife "wasn't too fond of the hockey world" because she gave birth to the couple's third

child while Birkhof was in Germany. So after that season, he wrapped up his pro hockey aspirations with a couple of games in the East Coast League. Last year he was one of the EOSH's dominant scorers with the Cobourg Lynx.

He's having a great time with the Vipers and is part of a line-up rich in skill and feistiness.

"I am a finesse player. I don't mind the rough going and will fight if I have to but I'm certainly not going to go looking for a fight."

He is a playmaker who thrives around the sort of players the Vipers put on the ice.

"We've got a lot of skilled players. A lot of guys who have played a lot of hockey," he says mentioning players like Joe Hawley, Dave Lorentz and Mike Williams.

"Playing with Adam Bernard is nice," he adds.

Another "key thing," he notes, are Vipers goalies Ryan Aschaber and Mike Pickard.

"It doesn't matter who plays what game you know you've got consistent goaltending in there. It's a big bonus. It all starts there -- if you've got confidence in the goaltender then you can try different things."

They also have a very "tough defense."

"I wouldn't want to be playing against them," he says.

Birkhof likes the mix of ages on the team as well. Players like Ian Donaldson and Jamie McComb add real strength to the line-up, he says.

Birkhof says Donaldson is "fearless. He's been a big inspiration to our team. He comes to play every game. It doesn't matter how big the guy is he'll stick up for every player on this team."

McComb, he says, is a "bonus to the team" with his size, big shot and excellent skating.

Unpredictable Rebels still having junior C discipline problems

Campbellford---It was one step forward, one step backwards for the hot-and-cold Campbellford Rebels last weekend as the defending Empire League junior C champions struggle to become more consistent.

On Thursday night (Nov. 25th) the Rebels tripped up the Colborne Cobras 6-1 on Colborne ice before heading to Port Perry Sunday where they suffered an 8-3 thumping at the hands of the Mojacks in a game much closer than the score would indicate.

Against the Cobras, the Rebels iced a shorthanded squad with only 14 skaters due to injuries. Justin McConnell is out with broken ribs, Brennan Tuckett has a bruised sternum and Justin Loucks is labouring with an undetermined shoulder injury. The depletions left the

Rebels in dire straits in numbers but not in the quality of their performance.

First and foremost netminder Jeff King was an anchor for the Rebels, yielding only a late third period power play goal that spoiled his shutout bid.

Rebels tallied three goals in each of the first and second periods. On the game's second shift, centre Phil Darrington cashed a five-foot backhand with the manpower advantage to get the Rebels off and running.

Cobra goalie Gord Neave put on a clinic for the next 10 minutes only to have the visitors score twice within 58 seconds. Off a faceoff, Jamie Bowman redirected Nick Temple's point slapshot and then Joe Curry slid a creaser under Neave.

Early in period two, winger Mike Banks fooled Neave from 15 feet on a breakaway and the

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Bantam Blues Finalists at Silver Stick Hockey Tournament

The Stirling Financial Centre Bantam Blues were the A finalists in the Silver Stick Hockey Tournament held in Pembroke this past week-end. In their first game the blues faced the Rockland Nats and came up with a 2-1 victory. Scoring for the Blues was Brad Thompson and Matt Heidstra. Kole Abbott assisted. Graham Lloyd was strong in net.

Game 2 was against the Goulborn Rams and once again the Blues came out strong with a 4-0 win despite losing defence-man Ryan Fargey with a shoulder

injury that would leave him sidelined for the rest of tournament play. Eric Guthrie (2), Alex Shearer and Brad Thompson supplied the goals, while Kole Abbott (3), Guthrie, Thompson, Michael Middleton and Rylan Decorato picked up the assists. Graham Lloyd got the shutout.

Stirlings third game was against the Loyalist Jets and a 2-2 tie earned them a spot in the finals. Eric Guthrie and Tyler Decorato led the scoring with Alexander Shearer and Cam Lawrence supplying the assists. Andrew Shaw was between the pipes. Once again an injury plagued the Blues as centreman Tyler Decorato was the recipient of a knee on knee collision and was unable to play in the final 3 games.

In quarter final play the Financial Centre Blues faced the Napean Raiders and skated to a 3-2 win. Alex Shearer, Eric Guthrie and Cam Lawrence provided the goals, while Rylan Decorato, Kole Abbott, Kristina Dafeo and Frank Bailey earned assists.

Stirling went on to face the Pembroke Kings in semi-final play winning 2-0. Kole Abbott scored a short handed goal and Rylan Decorato sealed the game with a goal assisted by

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"Investment in people's priorities," says Rinaldi

Northumberland—Northumberland MPP Lou Rinaldi says the government will implement a comprehensive, four-year planned investment in health and education to foster economic growth and balance the budget.

He says the 2004 Budget sets out a responsible, realistic strategy to deal with Ontario's fiscal challenges, while delivering on the change Ontarians want and need.

"Ontario voters spoke to us about the need to transform the health care system and the importance of investing in education," Rinaldi said after Finance Minister Greg Sorbara

tabled his first Budget. "They spoke about the importance of having a comprehensive, multi-year plan that lays the foundation for economic sustainability and growth."

Major initiatives promised in the budget include shorter wait times for cancer patients, home care enhancements, \$11.6 billion in operating support for hospitals in 2004-05 and \$600 million to support and reform primary care.

Success for Students

He said the government has also promised to increase investment in Ontario schools

by \$2.1 billion by 2007-08, increasing per student funding by more than \$1,100. Another objective, says Rinaldi, is to increase from 50 per cent to 75 per cent the target rate for students meeting the provincial standard for reading, writing and math by 2007-08.

"Our plan will make public education the best education. It will help our students achieve their true potential and that is the most important thing we can do to ensure Ontario reaches its full potential," said Rinaldi.

The Budget also highlighted several key initiatives for municipalities, including delivering on the commitment to make two cents of the existing provincial gas tax available for public transit over three years.

Also promised is an increase for the share of public health costs covered by the Province from 50 per cent to 75 per cent by 2007, and investing in improvements to highways, affordable housing and water quality.

"In order to stabilize our fiscal situation and invest in health care and education, we have made two important choices to increase revenues and to balance the budget over four years," Rinaldi said. "It is simply not possible to deliver a balanced budget this year without destabilizing vital public services and the economy itself."

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RIDE campaign asks motorists to drive solo

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This is the time of year when Ontarians take full advantage of the holiday season, with staff Christmas parties and festive gatherings with friends and family. These occasions sometimes go hand-in-hand with alcohol consumption and consequently, some drivers who travel our roads during this period may risk driving impaired, placing all other road users in danger.

During the Festive RIDE campaign last year, officers investigated 40 fatal collisions in which 50 people lost their lives. Seven of these fatal collisions were alcohol related.

Last year during the Festive RIDE campaign, officers pulled over 511,416 drivers at roadside checkpoints, 416 charged

with alcohol-related. In addition, 402 drivers issued 90-day driver suspensions, and 12 drivers were issued 12-month suspensions for the "warning zone" of consumption.

The reality is that every 373 drivers stopped at RIDE checkpoints last year either charged with an alcohol-related driving charge or issued a 12-hour license suspension.

Drinking and driving is a criminal offence and is therefore joining police services across the province to arrest and charge one caught driving impaired. Remember OPP Festive RIDE checkpoints will be set up where you least expect them, so you see them, there's no turning back.

The OPP wishes everyone a safe holiday season that is fun and above all else, when you take to the

Provincial action plan fights domestic violence

Cobourg - As part of its first steps in a long-term action plan to fight domestic violence, the provincial government is investing \$12.831 in Northumberland Services for Women. The money will be utilized for a transitional and housing support program that helps women and their children fleeing domestic violence.

"We are reaching out to better serve more women who are victims of domestic violence," said Northumberland MPP Lou Rinaldi. "We are helping women connect with a network of community supports so they can find and maintain the housing they need to build a stable life for themselves and their children."

Under the Transitional and

Housing Support Program, the government is investing an additional \$3.5 million annually to help more than 70 women's shelters, second stage houses and community agencies that provide refuge and counselling for abused women and their children. This brings the government's total annual investment in these critical support services to \$9.1 million.

The additional funding builds on the success of existing outreach services but is more flexible and accessible. The additional funding goes beyond serving women in shelters, providing supports to women with a diversity of needs - including those living in their own homes.

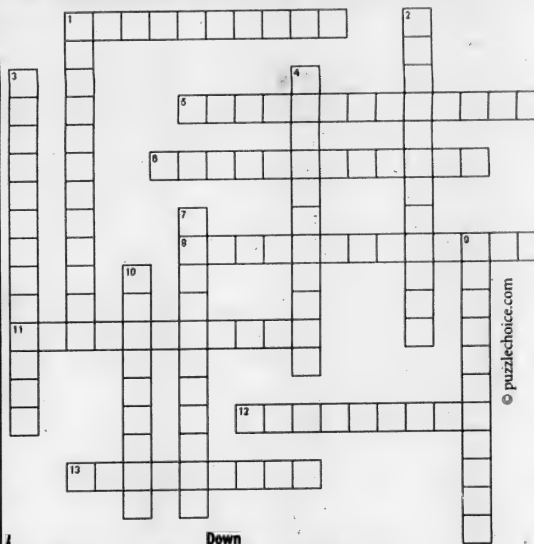
The new funding enhances existing supports that help women live their lives free from

domestic violence by helping to find safe, secure housing, and by providing counselling and advocacy services, job training and income supports.

The government's long-term action plan to fight domestic violence, introduced by Premier McGuinty in April, also sets aside an additional \$4.9 million for a four-year public education and awareness campaign to help communities break the cycle of violence and improve training for police officers, Crown attorneys and others working in the criminal justice system.

"Violence against women is unacceptable," said M.P.P. Rinaldi. "When we help women and their children find lives free of violence, the whole community benefits."

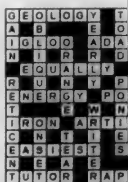
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- Johnny Hooker/Kelly in the 1973 movie, *The Sting* (6,7)
- Oskar Schindler in the 1993 film, *Schindler's List* (4,7)
- Captain Algren in the 2003 movie, *The Last Samurai* (3,6)
- Dr. Gibbon in the 2003 movie, *The Singing Detective* (3,6)

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- Gabriel Shear in the 2001 movie, *Swordfish* (4,8)
- Joanna Eberhard in the 2004 movie, *The Stepford Wives* (6,6)
- Harry Sanborn in the 2003 movie, *Something's Gotta Give* (4,9)
- The Prefect of Police in the 1942 classic, *Casablanca* (6,5)
- Jimmy in the 2004 movie, *The Whole Ten Yards* (5,6)
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Ethanol the Holy Grail of Travel

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"Companies that surpass the 5% will get a credit as an incentive." Although, the initial costs for companies changes at the pumps will bring about costs, MPP Dombrowsky says that in the long run, it will be less expensive than oil products.

"Ontario's 2007 target for ethanol would be equivalent to taking 200,000 vehicles off

the road or reducing annual greenhouse gas emissions by about 800,000 tonnes. It has the potential to spark 3,000 new jobs and as much as \$500 million in new investment in rural Ontario," a news release from MPP Dombrowsky's office credits the initiative with a significant impact for the environment.

"With the new technology developed by Logen at Ottawa this will put us right on the cutting edge by making this commitment in Ontario," said MPP Dombrowsky. "The province will work with farmers and industry to ensure this initiative benefits all Ontarians.... Taking steps toward cleaner-burning fuel will mean stronger communities and healthier Ontarians."



MPP Leona Dombrowsky is looking forward to a cleaner environment, as well as more opportunities for farmers and furthering the economic climate in the rural areas. The Ontario government, says MPP Dombrowsky will work with farmers and industry to ensure the initiative of requiring gasoline companies to contain an average of 5% ethanol by the year 2007. MPP Leona Dombrowsky stands at the gas pumps beside owner of Willemssen's Gas Station at Madoc, Wayne Willemssen, photo: L.J. Jackson

Yes! There is a Santa Claus

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return with welcome arms.

Well it seems that Santa must have whispered in her ear. According to Mike Sniderhan with the

Medical Board, she will be returning to Madoc this spring...and yes, that means there will finally be another Doctor at Madoc Clinic.



Members of the medical board with Dr. Janet Yostson announced great news after the Santa Claus Parade last weekend. Dr. Janet Webb, who had been assisting at the Madoc Clinic over the summer, will be returning in the spring...and yes she will be taking patients. In the photo members of the medical board: Councillor Dave Shutz, Dr. Janet Yostson, and Councillor Mike Sniderhan happily spread the good cheer. "We have a Doctor!" photo: L.J. Jackson

No Decisions Yet on New Building from Board of Health

The local board of health has not made any decisions on the future of its Belleville office.

The Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Board of Health held a regular meeting on Friday, Nov. 12. At the meeting the architectural firm hired to do an analysis of the Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit accommodation needs presented their most recent report.

Gerry Shoalts of Shoalts and Zaback Architects Ltd. summarized Stage 3 Report: Building and Site Analysis. The board had previously received two reports from the same firm. The first, presented in May 2004 gave an analysis of the current facilities. It concluded the building at 179 North Park Street in Belleville was architecturally sound but needed upgrading. The second, presented in June

2004 gave an analysis of accommodation requirements. It analyzed square footage requirements based on comparisons with similar facilities.

The third report on building and site analysis outlined four options. The options were: add two storeys and renovate the existing building; new two-storey building and demolish the existing building; purchase an alternate site and build a new building; or lease or rent space in an existing building. Shoalts emphasized in his report that the "probable costs" described in each option were estimates.

The board of health discussed the report in an in-camera session following the regular meeting on Nov. 12. Their decision was to hold a special meeting to consider their options based on the consultants' report. No date has yet been set for the meeting and no other action has been taken regarding the report.

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route was on. Both Curry and Darrington tallied their second goals to seal the deal before the game's second intermission.

On Sunday, the Rebels matched the Mojacks stride for stride in the first session as both scored a pair to reach the first intermission at 2-2. From then on the Mojacks took over the scoring parade. Although the Rebels continued to play hard their efforts failed to produce results as goalie Scott Honey came up big.

Shorthanded Goal

The key goal was a shorthanded effort as Jason Kittner raced in alone to outduel Rebels' Cujio Johnston with an ice skimmer from 10 feet. Two more unanswered Mojack scores in the second secured the victory for the homeowners as they kept pace with the Lakefield Chiefs in the torrid first place battle in the Central League.

Rebels eventually lost their composure and spent too much

time parading to the penalty box. Coach Jim Peeling hopes this recurring situation will come to an end with this week's practice as he feels a few players are focusing too much on their own agenda instead of the team. The Rebels are now the most penalized team in the Empire League.

The only Rebel marksmen against the Mojacks in defeat were Jamie DeLong, Phil Darrington and Georgie Nelson.

ICE CHIPS: Last Friday the Rebels were to have hosted the Little Britain Merchants but a power problem forced the game to be postponed. ...Rebels had planned a free pass night for Campbellford Minor Hockey Association players that night. Now anyone having a free ticket can use it against Colborne on Dec. 11th. ...The Rebels will reschedule the Little Britain visit but Peeling says it will be difficult because ice time is at a premium.

Big win for the Atom Grizzlies

By Barb Stevens

It was a lucky day for the Centre Hastings Atom Grizzlies when they defeated the Belleville Star Trophies 10-3. Shamel Walsh had a "double hat-trick" with 6 goals and 1 assist. Jordan Graham had a goal and 2 assists, Matthew Martin with a goal and an assist, Brodie Devolin and Kyle Gardiner each had a goal. Kyle Meilleur, Cody Alberry each earned an assist and Jordan Fluke had two assists. Excellent goal tending from Ryan Marlin kept these Grizzlies on a roll. The Juveniles played host to Prince Edward County and were rewarded with a 6-1 victory. Greg Smith earned

his first "hat-trick" of the year and Steve Butcher, Brian Coe and Ryan Auger each followed with a goal. The assists went to Ryan Auger (2), Rob Reynolds (3), Brian Coe (2), Jon McConnell and Steve Butcher each with one. Despite a strong team effort and an early lead, the Pee Wee Grizzlies were unable to fend off the Belleville Bobcats and were defeated 3-2. This close game offered numerous power-play chances for both sides but Centre Hastings' penalty killing proved rock solid holding the Bobcats scoreless even during a 2-minute 2-man advantage in the 2nd. James Denny had both goals for the Grizzlies.

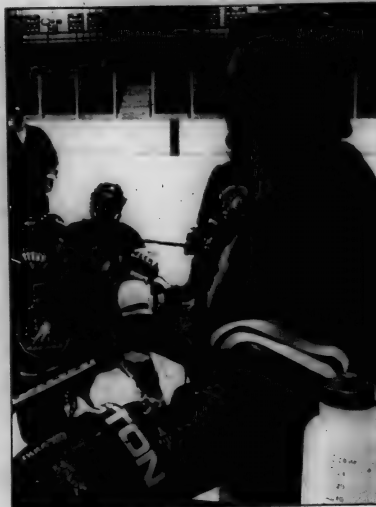
Bantam Hornets blank Port Hope

Asphodel-Norwood - Tyler Oliver picked up the shut-out in the Norwood Bantam A's 6-0 win over Port Hope Friday.

Thomas Teasdale had a four point evening with a pair of

goals and assists while Andrew Dornan added three points to the ledger with a goal and two helpers.

Also scoring goals were Keegan Johnson, Jon Darrington and Alex Christopoulos. Picking up two assists was Pearce McIlmoyle with single helpers to Eric Scriver, Seamus McDougall, Chris Klomp-maker and Johnson.

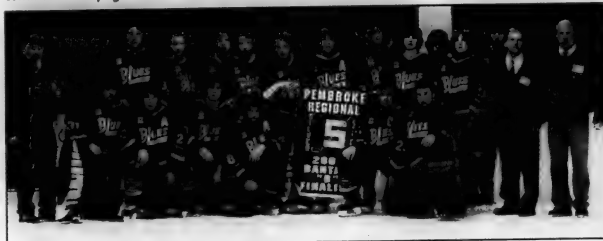


Former Leaf pays a visit

NHL vet visits: Former NHL'er Greg Terrier of Marmora was at the wood District High School Hockey Canada Skills Academy to help with instruction Friday. Terrier, a second round L.A. Kings draft (33rd overall) in 1980, spent a pair of seasons with the Kings their years with the Leafs, racking up 93 goals and 243 points. He played junior hockey in Hamilton and Brantford and in his final year with Alexanders chalked up 112 points. His draft year was a notable with Paul Coffey, Larry Murphy, now in the Hall of Fame, and his Savard and Brent Sutter being drafted ahead of the future Two of the NHL's greatest players - Jari Kurri and Steve Larmer - drafted after Terrier along with Kelly Hnede and Bernie Nicholls. Hunter, current owner of the major junior hockey's record breaking London Knights, played his hockey along side Terrier in Brantford the Academy Terrier helped instructors Albert Crowley and Kevin Haney run drills for the grade eights. Photos/Bill Freeman

Bantam Blues Finalists at Tournament

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Stirling Financial Centre Bantam Blues

Front row: Andrew Shaw, Rylan Decorato, Frank Bailey, Alexander Shearer, Kole Abbott, Graham Lloyd. Back row: Asst's coach, Jim Dafeo, Nick Carr, Kristina Dafeo, Ryan Fargey, Cam Lawrence, Matt Heidstra, Eric Guthrie, Luke Hooley, Brad Thompson, Tyler Decorato, Michael Middleton, Trevor Brewer, Trainer/Manager Jay Middleton, Head Coach Jim Decorato

Alex Shearer. Graham Lloyd faced numerous shots in net.

In the championship game the Blues were up against the Renfrew Timberwolves. Michael Middleton scored the lone goal assisted by Alex Shearer and Rylan Decorato. At the end of regulation time the game was tied with one goal each. A 3 on 3 ten

minute overtime period was played, but a winner could not be determined. Double overtime began, again being a 3 on 3 competition and Renfrew scored with 2 minutes remaining. Graham Lloyd was outstanding in net for the Blues.

Excellent defensive effort was shown by Trevor Brew-

er, Nick Carr, Ryan Fargey, Luke Hooley, Frank Bailey and Kristina Dafeo.

The coaching staff of Jim Decorato, Jim Dafeo and Jay Middleton would like to commend the players on their strong play, determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament both off and on the ice.

Colts bounce back to shade Bancroft

Campbellford---It was an up-side-down weekend for Campbellford's Precision Wood midget Colts as they lost twice but then bounced back Sunday to win against the hottest team in the league.

On Friday night (Nov. 26th) the Colts were in Norwood's new arena. Although controlling play most of the game, they had no luck around the net, dropping a 4-1 verdict. The lone Campbellford goal came late in the final period with Justin Chrysler connecting on a play with Morgan McMillan and Hendy Robinson.

On Saturday in Ennismore,

it was a carbon-copy effort for the Colts in a 4-1 loss at the hands of the home team. Ennismore scored at the 10:50 mark of the first period and added two more in the second and another in the third. The Colts' only reply came in the third when Tyler Allanson scored assisted by Cory Taylor and Morgan McMillan.

Ennismore is a team the Colts will face at the Silver Stick tournament in Pembroke this weekend.

Armed with a new outlook on Sunday against the Bancroft Jets, the slumping Colts came ready to play. With Jamie

McKelvie in the nets, the Colts wrapped up an impressive 2-1 victory.

The Campbellford skaters played with a full bench and McKelvie came up big when needed. Cory Taylor got the Colts on the board with a power play goal at 9:20 of the first period with help from Hendy Robinson. There was no scoring until 2:03 of the second when Bancroft pulled even.

Although the Jets are known as a strong third period squad, it was the Colts coming through at the 9:13 mark on a play made by Morgan McMillan and finished off by Dylan Toms.

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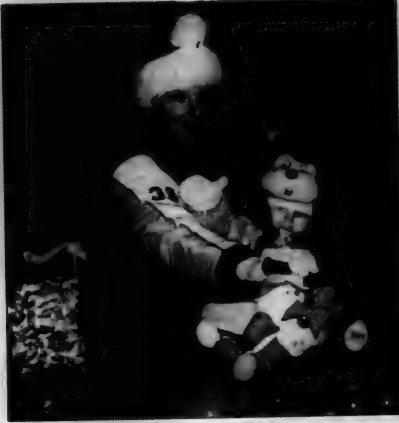


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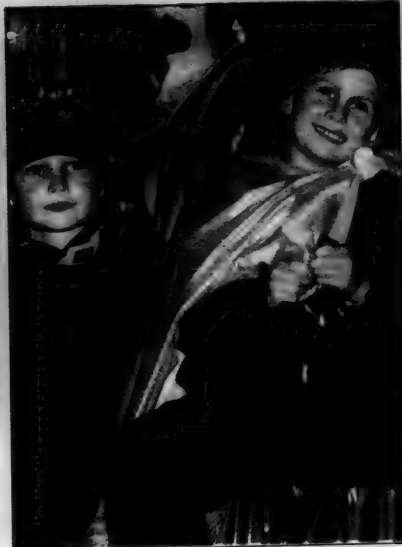
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Festive spirits: Jill Lackey and her canine buddy Roxie were in a festive mood during Saturday evening's Santa Claus parade in Norwood. The two were bundled up and in all smiles on the Norwood District Figure Skating Club float. Photo/Bill Freeman



In high spirits: Taylor Hawlings waves to the crowd while Don Wrightly guides the ATV during Saturday night's colourful Santa Claus parade in Norwood.



A night to remember: Norwood Pentecostal Church's entry in Saturday evening's Santa Claus Parade in Norwood earned an honourable mention citation from the judges. It was a grand night in Asphodel-Norwood. Photo/Bill Freeman

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Projects to provide power for 100,000 Ontario homes

Renewable energy firm to operate in Trenton

Northernland - The provincial government is increasing the supply of clean, renewable energy in Ontario by signing contracts for 10 projects that will provide enough power for 100,000 homes.

"The 10 new energy projects will provide 395 megawatts of clean, renewable energy, which will reduce our dependence on dirty coal-fired plants and enhance air quality throughout the province," said Energy Minister Dwight Duncan. "Early in the new year, we plan to move quickly to add even more renewable energy into Ontario's generation mix."

The projects - which include water power and landfill gas projects as well as five new wind farms - are the result of the province's groundbreaking Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking 300 megawatts (MW) of new renewable energy. The projects will spur economic development in the renewable energy sector and will bring up to an estimated \$700 million of new investment to Ontario.

One of these ten projects is Innergex II Income Fund's Glen Miller Hydroelectric Project, in Trenton. "The Glen Miller Hydroelectric Project will benefit Trenton and the surrounding area both environmentally and economically. Not only will this project help to clean up our air, it will also benefit our local economy, be it through new jobs or through increased spending in the community," said Nor-

thernland MPP Lou Rinaldi. The Glen Miller Hydroelectric Project, when complete, will generate 8 MW of clean, renewable energy. This will supply enough energy for more than 2,025 homes," said Rinaldi.

The government issued a request for proposals (RFP) last June, seeking up to 300 MW of renewable energy capacity to be in service as soon as possible. Forty-one proposed projects were reviewed by an inter-ministerial committee, and the entire process was overseen by an independent fairness commissioner.

"We are proud to participate in the green energy production initiative of the Government of Ontario and we are grateful to the communities that have supported our endeavours. The 8 MW Glen Miller Hydroelectric Project represents an investment of \$21 million," said Mr. Gilles Lefrançois, President and CEO of Innergex Management Inc.

The RFP is a first step in meeting the government's commitment to provide five per cent, or 1,350 megawatts of generating capacity through renewable sources by 2007, and ten per cent by 2010.

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Santa collection spans the ages



The Santa collection at the Tweed Heritage Centre has items from all over the world and spans two centuries. Top photo shows both traditional Santas in book form, commercial posters as well as dolls, a music box and tree ornaments. The other photo is a closer look showing a Santa from England, (front right), a music box, (left) and in the rear a Santa from France with a more religious theme. - BD Photo

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By Brian Dunning

Tweed - Santas, Santas everywhere. Different in shape, style, form. Santa and Mrs. Santa two-feet high each, standing and hanging on to a chair. Santas from foreign lands in ceramic, cloth, paper, prints, music boxes. Santas spanning 200 years - Tweed & District Heritage Centre has them all. Or at least curator Evan Morton wishes.

Actually, over the years, the Centre (read Evan Morton), has been quietly collecting Christmas artifacts. The Centre now has a priceless collection of seasonal reflections of the past. Mr. Morton, says of the Centre's collection, "this is just a humble start. I envision the day when we have enough (items) we can display our collection

in the store fronts up and down the street. (Victoria Street)." The exhibit fills a small room, but as Mr. Morton explains, "we don't have a lot of space."

"Maybe, 10 to 20 years from now, our collection will have grown to the point where it will draw people. That would be good for both the Centre and the community."

Mr. Morton says there are perhaps hundreds of unique and historic Santa "collectibles" in the area that many people don't even realize they have. Books, and paper items are more likely to be left in people's Christmas boxes rather than put out for

Christmas. People forget they have them. Even parts of a book can be worthy of collecting. Mr. Morton said they have a page out of an old catalogue of Santa items.

Over the years the look of Santa has changed. Originally Santas were depicted as saints as in Old Saint Nick. In some parts of the world Santa is portrayed as a "Wise Man" who brought

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Kiwaniis Making a Big Noise for One Child at a Time

By L.L. Johnson

Madoc - Recently the Madoc Kiwanis and Tweed Kiwanis were honoured with visitors Lt. Governor Ralph Porter with his wife Katie and Governor Dr. John Button with wife and Kiwanian Debbie.

The Governor's message was clear to the Madoc and Tweed Kiwanis, "Children, children, children...priority one with the Kiwanis!" He spoke of the great pride that each Kiwanis member should keep with them, the pride of the years since the worldwide Kiwanis family, working together with UNICEF in the global campaign to eliminate iodine deficiency. Because of their effort, hundreds of millions of children have come into the world protected against loss in learning ability and severe mental retardation caused simply by lack of iodine.

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Drug Search held at Centre Hastings High School

Centre Hastings - During the morning hours of Monday December 06, the Ontario Provincial Police in conjunction with the administration of Centre Hastings Secondary School in Madoc conducted a series of drug searches on the school grounds.

Central Hastings officers, assisted by a canine unit and school staff, searched several buses as they arrived at the school to check for any illegal drugs that were being transported for later sale and distribution to students.

No drugs were found and no charges were laid. Some pamphlets were located and the offending students were warned.

Drug searches may occur at the Secondary School at any time and without any warning. Keeping drugs away from students is a goal for a safer school and a safer community.

Traffic Accidents Avoided

Hastings County - The Ontario Provincial Police investigated twelve motor vehicle accidents over the past weekend most of them due to the icy conditions that existed in the overnight and early morning hours of both days.

In one of the accidents around 2:15 a.m. on Sunday December 5th, a vehicle got stuck on Highway 7 just west of Madoc was involved in a collision with a car. The car was damaged and the driver was injured. The car was towed to a nearby garage and the driver was taken to a hospital. The car was damaged and the driver was injured.

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\$900 million Canada-Ontario Fund

Northumberland—The Governments of Canada and Ontario have signed an agreement for each to provide up to \$298 million over the next five years to improve public infrastructure in small urban centres and rural municipalities throughout the province. Participating communities will be expected to contribute one third of the cost of any project, bringing the total investment in sustainable infrastructure to close to \$900 million.

"By working with our provincial partners, we are more effective in providing Ontarians with the support they need to build strong and sustainable communities," said Northumberland MP, Hon. Paul Macklin. "The investments the federal and provincial governments are making show a real commitment in helping the communities of Northumberland to build and repair their local infrastructure."

"This program is good news for Northumberland, and a valuable tool to improve its water and

sewage treatment and waste management," said MPP Lou Rinaldi. "Municipalities can fix its local roads and repair its bridges, as well as help address other health and safety priorities."

The agreement provides that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) will work with the Governments of Canada and Ontario to ensure the program offers maximum benefits to Ontario communities and will continue to promote increased awareness of the program.

"AMO is working with the Federal and Provincial Governments to ensure all Ontario residents benefit from a new deal for Ontario municipalities," said Roger Anderson, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario. "The COMRIF infrastructure program recognizes that all Ontarians need and deserve increased investment in the success of their communities." Small urban and rural Ontario municipalities of less than 250,000 are all eligible to apply.



Anti-Bullying Program—All of Campbellford's three elementary schools hosted recent visits from children's entertainer Paul Behnke, who presented his interactive "Dealing With Bullies" program for youngsters at Hillcrest, St. Mary's and Kent. Employing storytelling, music and interacting with kids, Paul delighted these youngsters at Kent Public School. Behnke's appearance in Trent Hills was sponsored by the Community Policing Committee in conjunction with the K-40 Club. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Early Christmas gift for Trenton Memorial

Trenton—Wendy Warner, Executive Director for the Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation, received an early Christmas present.

It was an anonymous gift of \$35,000 from a "former employee and her husband to diagnosis and treat bladder disease in

all patients. These special minimally invasive instruments pass through the urethra into bladder and allow the surgeon to visualize the bladder. The surgeon can then treat problems which, exist directly or diagnosis the existing bladder problem for

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Bill would ban people being outside vehicle

Queen's Park—Northumberland MPP Lou Rinaldi has introduced a bill that if passed, will amend the Highway Traffic Act (HTA). It would prohibit people from occupying the truck or delivery body of a commercial motor vehicle while the vehicle is being driven on a highway.

Driven less than 25 km

The exception would be only if the vehicle is being driven at less than 25 kilometers per hour on a highway that is not a controlled-access highway. A person is also prohibited from occupying a vehicle that is being towed or drawn on a highway.

"I just can't see why we have regulations for people requiring them to wear safety belts and to be properly restrained inside a vehicle," said Rinaldi. "The same should apply to people riding outside of a vehicle, such as people who ride in the box of a pick-up truck."

Bill introduced by Galt

This isn't the first time that MPPs have heard about these concerns. The former MPP for Northumberland, Doug Galt, introduced this bill in 2001 in memory of two young men that lost their lives in an accident. They were ejected from the box of the pick-up truck they were riding in. Respectfully, this bill has been named the Bill 153, the Jay Lawrence and Bart Mackey Memorial Act (2004). When introduced in 2001, this bill instantly received full party support and was ordered for second reading and then was sent to committee for debate, but was lost before the legislature got a chance to receive Third Reading and Royal Assent to become law.

"This is so important," Rinaldi said. "Precious lives are at stake and I can't believe that this isn't law yet in Ontario when in several other Provinces and States it's already in place!"

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LTC leads source water protection program

Trenton—Lower Trent Conservation is preparing to lead a program aimed at the long-term protection of sources of drinking water for the Trent/Ganaraska watershed region.

Leona Dombrowsky, provincial Minister of the Environment and federal Minister of Natural Resources, David Ramsay, made the joint announcement. A total of \$13 million will be provided to assist Ontario's 36 Conservation

Authorities and their partners to initiate the preparation of source protection plans.

LTC officials, along with municipal representatives, partners and the general public greeted Ms. Dombrowsky at an Open House scheduled Thursday, Dec. 2nd at the LTC new administrative office. Northumberland MPP Lou Rinaldi also attended the function.

"Protecting water before it enters our treatment systems

is the first step in making sure our drinking water is safe," said Dombrowsky.

"Developing watershed-based source protection plans is a natural part of our Conservation Authority business," explains Jim Kelleher, LTC General Manager. "I am pleased that the Province has decided to fully fund this vital work."

LTC, in partnership with the Crowe Valley, Ganaraska Region, Kawartha Region and Otonabee Region Conservation Authorities, will be directing the preparation of watershed-based source protection plans for the Trent/Ganaraska watershed region, a 15,000 square kilometre area stretching from Algonquin Park to Lake Ontario.

LTC will be hiring a project manager, hydrogeologist and water resources engineer early in the New Year to start pulling together existing data and develop water budgets that will identify the availability and use of water within the watershed. Further funding is expected from the government next spring to help complete source protection plans.

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Special Students Learn First Aid

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc - Students at C.O.P.E. (Constructive Opportunities for Progressive Employment), recently earned St. John's Ambulance Certificates enabling them to save lives.

The students were excited and eager to learn skills that have taught them the skills of saving lives by a certified teacher with the St. John Ambulance of Quinte.

"These students were very excited to learn these lifesaving skills and that gave them an advantage over other stu-

dents, because this excitement made learning easier and more rewarding," Instructor Trainer Sharlene Matachieskie was rewarded with the students' eagerness and smiles. "They worked very hard and were quite tired by the end of the day, but when they finished they had certificates to remind them of this wonderful accomplishment."

The day of learning began by learning how to send for medical help. The next step for the students at COPE was learning how to assist a person with medication, if they needed help.

The skills slowly increased in difficulty, but the instructor-trainer said the eagerness to learn prompted the students' attention. They learned how to treat an unconscious person, to keep them breathing; how to breathe for someone who was unable to breathe on their own and how to clear an airway on a choking person. Each of the students are now accomplished in the skill to stop severe bleeding and as well to perform CPR on someone who has no signs of life.

For Sharlene Matachieskie

with the St. John Ambulance of Quinte, she remarked that the day turned out to be "the ultimate accomplishment for me," as she reflected that the organization is always eager to get lifesaving knowledge out to the communities.

"And I have no doubt that these students will not hesitate to render first aid when the need arises and possibly save a life." The instructor said she felt privileged to teach these life saving skills to such a special group of students.



Photo Above: In an emergency, quick informed actions could save a life. COPE students at Madoc recently learned these skills with a day of learning from St. John Ambulance Trainer-Instructor Sharlene Matachieskie.

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First Aid & CPR Instructor Sharlene Matachieskie of Foxboro demonstrates first aid to COPE students Vanessa and Amanda.

Madoc Food Bank a Little Richer for Needs of Community

Madoc - It's hard to go to sleep this night. Small ears strain to listen to the slightest sound; the prancing of hooves or the belly shaking "ho ho ho". Anticipation is great from the milk and cookies set out to the time of early morning awakening to the host of presents under the tree and the expectation of a large gathering, good breakfast and

Christmas dinner.

Some are fortunate. Others not so. According to a report card on Child and Family Poverty in Canada, Canada's child poverty rate has increased for the first time since 1996 with nearly 16 per cent of children living below the poverty line.

It is a fact that some families are being forced to live at starvation level incomes.

The staff at the Madoc Food Bank were overwhelmed by the generous donation from the women at Changes. Cindy McMurray said the money was raised by the women donating interesting items for a recent silent auction held by the group. All proceeds from the auction have turned into dollars for those who need it at Christmas.

Women at Changes of Madoc also brought in food items to be donated to the

Food Bank with the results a generous donation of healthy food to be distributed for those in need.

"There are a lot of people out there, not as fortunate as others, who need a hand, not just at Christmas, but all year round," Cindy McMurray said that staff and the women at Changes were glad they were fortunate enough to lend that helping hand.



Madoc - It is fact that some families are being forced to live at starvation level incomes. Children act out with shame, embarrassment and humiliation. It is the empathy, not the sympathy of those who take action, that make a difference for these families at this merry for some - yet stressful for others, time of year. In the photo: Cindy McMurray, Manager of Changes presents Nancy Robinson with a cheque for the Food Bank for \$1,000, and three heavy large boxes of groceries. The money was raised during a silent auction held by the women at Changes. The women at the fitness centre donated food items as well for the Food Bank; photo: L.J. Jackson

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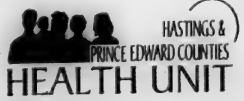
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Life in a sardine can

One of my managers had the not-so-pleasant experience of parking on the 401 for a six hour stretch earlier this week. Two tractor trailers collided, one being a fuel truck, catching on fire. Unfortunately, an elderly man in a minivan couldn't avoid the resulting chaos and was killed.

So, there hundreds of vehicles sat. For one, two, three, four, five even six hours while the police, fire, ambulance, hazmat and journalists did their respective jobs.

When you have that kind of time, you start to count things. How many cars per linear mile, how many airplanes get missed, how many medical procedures will have to be rescheduled, what is the pollution cost, how much do the emergency services cost, how many minutes apart are the contractions, and so on.

And you start wondering about the unanswerable questions: At what point do idling cars run out of gas, what about those who skipped breakfast and were just about to stop for lunch, how did people communicate before cell phones, and how do the women go to the bathroom...

If you do an estimate and add up the total societal cost of an accident like that, including the cost of the disruption in thousands of lives, you would quickly hit the multiples of millions of dollars. And that is without valuing the cost, of course, of the loss of human life.

But here's the thing. These people shouldn't have to sit in one place for six hours while the road crews rebuild a section of the 401. There should be enough organization in place to turn them around.

After two hours, my manager tried driving on the shoulder the wrong way, until a friendly cop informed him of the horrendous fine for driving the wrong way on a divided highway, and suggested he find his place back in line.

As effective as these concrete barriers are on the 401 to protect us from the mistake of building the roads too close together in the first place, there are precious few places where vehicles can get through the barrier and be rerouted. As I think about the wasted time, I can't help but believe that half way between each exit should be a removable concrete barrier section, so that in emergencies, the police can: Block off the highway; turn around the last cars up the entrance ramp; open up the emergency barrier and funnel people onto the opposite side of the highway. Then the investigation and clean-up can happen in relative peace, and the motorists can claim what is left in their day.

Time is one of the most precious commodities we have. And one of the most rare. It's certainly worth more than the few thousand bucks it would cost to fix that barrier if someone had just taken a cement saw to it.



Letters to the editor

Premium health care in Ontario?

I don't believe we are receiving adequate health care here in Hastings County, much less the "premium" health care we have begun paying for.

Case 1: Two months ago, at age 56, I experienced chest pains for the first time. It was scary, and friends advised a professional checkup. Having no family doctor, I went to emergency at an area hospital and was given an electrocardiogram. At best the doctor's attitude was indifferent. The doctor refused to give me any information from the EKG printout, saying it would take hours to interpret. The doctor's mantra, repeated many times, was "I don't know!"

The doctor then performed the unusual (to me) procedure of grabbing my left "man boob" and squeezing and twisting it. The doctor just about tore it off, asking if it hurt. In hindsight I wonder if I was supposed to squeal like a pig to demonstrate my tolerance for pain.

Hospital staff booked a treadmill heart test for me in Peterborough for the following Friday. When I arrived they had sent me to the wrong one of the clinic's two addresses. Fortunately clinic staff were accommodating and gave me an unscheduled test; results to be sent to the emergency doctor.

This was two months ago, and I've received no information from the hospital or the clinic. Do I feel I've been treated with respect, concern and compassion by a premium health care system?

Case 2: A young widow's factory-worker husband kept getting severe stomach pains. The doctors told him to take over-the-counter pain medication. His family was convinced there was something seriously wrong, and unfortunately they were right. He died in agony of stomach cancer many months later. If the doctors had made the correct diagnosis in time, his widow and two children would likely still have a husband and father. Premium health care? Maybe not in Hastings County.

Case 3: A woman in her late fifties, another hardworking factory toiler. Experiencing chest pains, her husband took her to hospital. Diagnosis: angina. Several months ago the pains returned and this time tests revealed she had experienced a heart attack two years ago. Serious damage had been done, and the early misdiagnosis means this lovely person is spending her hard-earned retirement in a state of painful disability. Premium health care?

SCORE CARD:

1 DEAD
1 DISABLED
1 UNKNOWN

Premium health care for rural Ontarians living within one hundred miles of Canada's largest city? I think not.

Sincerely,
Christopher Faiers

Do I detect a bias

When Kelly Isfan, C.E.O. of Campbellford Memorial Hospital, shared with the people served by the hospital, an overview of the plan to balance the hospital's budget as presented

to the Ministry of Health for review and approval, it appeared on the back page of the newspaper. The article refuting the content of Ms. Isfan's letter by Lou Rinaldi, M.P.P. for Northumberland/Quinte West, was headlined on the front page: Accidental, or do I detect a bias.

Mr. Rinaldi accuses County Council of claiming "that rural areas are supporting the large urban centres" (Community press Nov. 26) but closing the LTC beds at Campbellford in favour of Port Hope supports the claim. In announcing extra funding for long-term care (The Courier Oct. 29), Mr. Rinaldi said "Northumberland's long-term care residents deserve to have the best possible quality of life." Is this accomplished by moving them a one hour drive from family and friends? Mr. Rinaldi accused the Campbellford Memorial Hospital executive board of providing inaccurate information, but, in response to remarks made by M.P.P. John Baird at Queen's Park claimed "the previous Conservative Government's cuts to health care,

EDITORIAL

saw the closing of both the Port Hope and Coburg Hospitals' (The Courier, Dec 3.) In fact those hospitals were amalgamated into a brand new, state of the art facility, within easy reach of both communities as well as Highway 401.

Campbellford is the 'North' in North-umberland and our elected representatives, at every level, would do well to remember that democratic government is "Of the people, by the people, for the people." All of them, not just those south of the 401.

Diana Ballard
Campbellford

MP will continue to help with non-standard passport requests

For a number of years now, I have provided a voluntary passport service from my Constituency Office in Peterborough. The fact that I drive to and from Ottawa each week has helped us process thousands of passports. I was glad to do this.

Now, Canada Post has signed an agreement with the Passport Office under which it will offer a Passport Service for standard applications, for a fee, at select locations across the country. Our Post Office at George and King Street is now offering this service.

I would be glad to continue to deal with applications other than standard applications (eg. where a valid passport submitted with the application has more than one-year validity, lost/stolen/damaged/mutilated/inaccessible passport, applicant does not have a guarantor and uses a Statutory Declaration in Lieu of Guarantor, children's passports where there is the participation of only the applying parent, request for issuance of limited validity passport; request to add a married name to surname to passport in maiden name) as well as group applications such as teams traveling together. However, it seems to me that I cannot, and should not, compete with the nation-wide service of Canada Post in processing standard passports.

Peter Adams
Peterborough MP

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With the festive season at its peak with parties, get-togethers and dinner invites, it's always wise to think of the safe way to party. If you are serving drinks (alcohol) remember you as the host or hostess could be held legally responsible if one of your guests were hurt or killed in a car accident due to an over indulgence of alcohol. Always

Safe Holiday Choices

keep the serving of drinks well timed and have plenty of food snacks available to serve with the drinks. If your get-together is based on FOOD and drinks rather than DRINKS and food, you probably will be OK. Special events, like Christmas and other holiday celebrations should be about getting together with friends for great food and conversation. It's all about sharing good times and memories and celebrating in the spirit of good health with one another.

If it is a dinner party you're having, a cocktail before dinner is great and the wine at the table

with dinner is certainly appropriate.By the way....here's a little tip for You... I attended a dinner party a few weeks ago and was absolutely floored when the hostess suggested to our host that it was not necessary or appropriate to serve wine with the salad. I of course kept my mouth shut at the time but it was hard to swallow the idea of no wine with the salad. Come to think of it, there was no wine to swallow. Here's a little tip for people serving dinner. A lovely Chardonnay goes very nice with almost any leaf salad. A nice Riesling is also a good choice. Even a low priced bottle of white wine compliments the oils and vinegar, or citrus in salads. We should also keep in mind that dinner with guests should be at least a three hour affair, after which you can re-

tire to the living room or den
for coffee or tea.

Decorating one's home for the festive season is very often overdue. There is nothing worse than living beside someone who thinks a thousand flashing lights, a Santa that talks, four reindeer with moving heads, a giant snowman, a manger with the complete Nativity scene, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim at the end of the driveway and a partridge in a birch bark tree looks cool. And all this on the front lawn. God save us from these lovely people. Remember, the interior of your home at this time of year should be inviting. It should smell of gingerbread, pine, Christmas cake, hot chocolate, cinnamon and lots of other delightful scents. Most of all, enjoy yourselves, but play it safe.

....AND SO IT GOES!

Kids 'n Santa at Madoc Kiwanis Centre



**Photos by Correspondent
Tessa Lowry**

Big Cleanup Bulletin

In 1985, the governments of Canada and the United States identified The Bay of Quinte as a pollution hotspot on the Great Lakes. A mix of toxic contaminants, bacterial, and nutrient overloads had led to great imbalances in the aquatic ecosystem of the Bay. Plant and animal diversity was being lost ... habitats, especially wetlands were disappearing or seriously degraded ... and risks to human health were possible. Something had to be done without delay. That same year, 1985, the development of a Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan (BQ-RAP) was started. A Co-ordinating Committee made up

of federal and provincial ministries, and a Public Advisory Committee representing local, Bay of Quinte interests drafted an action plan (1993). BQ-RAP has three distinct stages. Stage I - defining the problems. Stage II - recommending restoration actions and implementing them (known locally as "The Big Cleanup"). Stage III - enhanced monitoring to measure success.

BQ-RAP is in the final months of its current Five-Year Work Plan (2001-2005). A number of targeted actions have been taken to protect progress to date:

Protection of significant

natural areas in partnership with municipalities and landowners (256 hectares of wetland have been successfully rehabilitated)

. Restoration and protection of fish habitats (a Bay of Quinte Fish Habitat Management Plan has been developed)

Wildlife monitoring to track trends in environmental conditions via community volunteers (Community Wildlife Monitoring Program)

. Reduction of urban pollution to the Bay by implementing municipal pollution control planning studies (important achievements have been realized, including since 1990, a

50% reduction in phosphorus loads to the Bay from sewage treatment plants)

A review of where we stand and what cleanup actions remain to be completed has just begun. This review will also include an anticipation of ongoing monitoring needs. Our ultimate goal is to have the Bay removed from the list of pollution hotspots on the Great Lakes. We are well on our way toward that goal, but we are not yet there. In addition to completing our Stage II actions, "monitoring, measuring and maintaining" will be the watchwords in Stage III of the BO-RAP.

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Question of the w

Do you find Christmas to be a stressful time of year?



Absolutely not! It's a wonderful time of year. It gives you the opportunity to reach out to people, especially those who are on their own, and get together with family.

Wilma Bush
Marmora



With all the activities going on in the community, the committees I like to be a part of and enjoy it all, it helps me get into the Christmas spirit. You're doing good for the people and that helps you get into the spirit. I also have grandchildren so I have a choice."

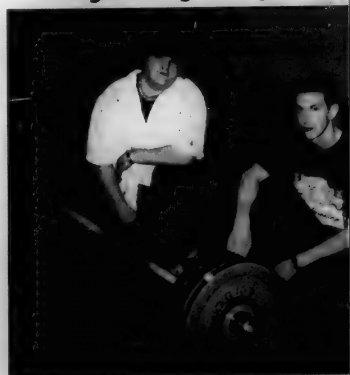
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ness. I do find it stressful between working, looking for a house and trying to liquidate the business, but when paying for a last year's contract, it's a kind of relief. But I would guess about 10 percent of people are on the same boat."

Tina Gushue
Campbellford

Two Apollo lifters bring home medals from the Ontario Teenage Weightlifting Championships



Alex Sills placed 1st in the 105 plus kilo class with a 70 kilo an 85 kilo Clean and Jerk for a Total of 155 kilos. Alex (14 attends Cent Hastings Secondary School in Madoc. Adam Carr-Braint placed 2nd in the 69 kilo class with a Snatch, a 90 kilo Clean and Jerk for a Total of 160 kilos. A yrs old) attends Quinte Secondary School. Picture shows and Adam on the right.

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Greenbelt Act will impact farmers, says OFA head

By Ron Bonnett

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture is not satisfied that the provincial government truly understands the impact of the proposed Greenbelt Act on farmers. The idea of preserving farmland and other natural areas can be applauded, but expecting farmers to shoulder the costs is not acceptable.

The final in a series of eight information meetings has been held and a crowd of about 1,000 people many of them farmers came out to voice their con-

cerns and opposition to various aspects of the proposed plan. It was truly heartening to also hear non-farm speakers stand up and call for government financial support for farmers.

Land use designation alone is not going to keep farmers on their land. OFA has been pressing the government to address both ongoing viability and potential loss of equity. If these are not addressed, Greenbelt is an idea, not a plan.

OFA doesn't feel the government's consultation process has

been adequate - it needs to go on for a much longer period of time, and should also expand to include full committee hearings involving representatives of all political parties. We are also demanding that agriculture's issues with the proposed plan must be addressed by government before implementation takes place, not as an afterthought.

Ensuring farming in the greenbelt area

Ensuring farming in the proposed greenbelt area can be viable into the future is an important aspect the government has so far neglected to address. We need a complete examination of a number of tools that could assist in this regard - strengthened right-to-farm legislation, the purchase of development rights, farmland trusts, and a broad range of income issues farmers need answers for before implementation of the legislation.

Nick DeBoer, Peel Federation president, said it well at the Nov. 29 meeting in Caledon East when he said, "The Government is mistaken if it thinks agriculture will roll over and take this flawed process... the government doesn't seem to care about the farmers who farm the land."

Robert Merry, a Halton Region farmer, said: "I feel like I'm living in a communist state... you are taking our land to benefit others... I do not agree with this dictatorship."

While the proposed greenbelt legislation deals specifically with the Greater Toronto Area and lands from the Niagara area up through Simcoe County, the issue has the potential to impact all Ontario farmers. OFA is working to ensure farmers across the province aren't faced with the same ultimatum given to GTA farmers. It is inevitable that when development is stopped in the proposed greenbelt area, there will be leapfrogging into other areas of the province and the scenario will just keep repeating itself across the province.

Public should pay the price

When the government says the preservation of green spaces is for the public good, it should follow naturally that the public should pay the price. We want the government to establish a monitoring system that will provide a review of how farmland prices are impacted by Greenbelt Act and trigger appropriate compensation for farmers.

OFA is also concerned that other legislative and regulatory initiatives are proceeding independent of Greenbelt discussions. Source Water Protection, Nutrient Management planning, Provincial Policy statement review and the Grow Ontario initiatives all will have an impact on what farmers do with their property. We need on set of guidelines, not four or five.



Photo Nancy Derrer

Federal funding for myriad of initiatives

Ottawa---Forty national initiatives will receive over \$12.1 million from the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAAF) Program, Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Andy Mitchell has announced.

This much-needed injection of federal funding will support a myriad of innovative national initiatives across Canada. The projects range from the uses of molecular information to improve the quality of Canadian pork to a national demographic survey of scrapie genetics in Canadian sheep. Other initiatives include the implementation of a cut flower export program to developing a revised list of grades for Canadian fresh produce and uniform grade standards between Canada and the United States.

The ACAAAF program, a five-year, \$255-million program, launched in April 2004 to replace the Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development

(CARD) Fund, will help the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector to better plan for the future by focussing on current and emerging issues.

"I am delighted to see that, once again, forward-looking sector leaders and entrepreneurs have stepped up to the plate during the first call of ACAAAF proposals with a varied menu of exciting projects that ACAAAF will support and which will undoubtedly benefit the sector," Mr. Mitchell said.

Among the 40 projects, \$1.2 million has been committed to focus on on-farm implementation of the integrated fruit production program for the Canadian apple industry. An allocation of \$600,000 has been earmarked to transforming organic agriculture. Another \$300,000 will be dedicated to reward an Aboriginal youth pilot project to determine the need of stakeholders to introduce 4-H programming into other areas of Canada. One of the most innovative projects, to receive \$99,900 funding, is the advancement from pre-commercialization stage to commercial introduction of B-glucan products, using barley and oatmeal materials to fill novel market opportunities.

"ACAAAF will continue in CARD's successful legacy of investing in projects which contribute to the long-term prosperity of the agriculture and agri-food sector," Mr. Mitchell said.

Deadline for submitting proposals is January 5, 2005. For further details on how to apply as well as downloadable application forms, visit ACAAAF's Web site at www.agr.gc.ca/acaaaf.

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There are going to be many cold nights this winter, and it's important that everyone know the facts about how this affects your animals.

When the temperature dips below zero, there are several tips that you need to keep in mind. All pets should be either indoors, or have access to a safe, warm shelter out of the elements. Animals should not be left unattended in vehicles on those cold days. Dogs and cats that enjoy the outdoors at other times of the year may need to be encouraged to have shorter jaunts outside... this usually suits owners just fine too! Coats and boots made for animals can be a great idea to help hold in the warmth.

Animals can suffer from frostbite just as humans can. Most often the extremities such as ears and feet are affected. There is a great deal of pain associated with frostbite as you can imagine, so it should be avoided at all costs.

Hypothermia is a much more serious result of exposure to the cold. The entire body temperature is reduced and the internal organs can begin to shut down if treatment is not immediately initiated.

Remember to treat your pets as you would like to be treated so that you can all enjoy a safe and happy winter season. If you have any questions, please contact Campbellford Veterinary Services.

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Steers 600-800 lbs.	.60 - 1.05	1.12
800-1000 lbs.	.50 - 84.50	.85
Stocker 400-600 lbs.	.50 - 1.04	106.50
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Teen author loves to write, draw

By Bill Freeman
Asphodel-Norwood - Only in grade nine, Erin Carthew is already a prolific writer with publishing titles to her credit. But her biggest achievement to date has just occurred and she is both thrilled and surprised.

The young 14-year-old Norwood District Intermediate grad and Holy Cross student has had her inspiring story "Pushed By An Angel" included in the best-seller *Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul 2*.

To add to the wonderment of this positive development, Erin will be signing copies of the book Dec. 11 (2 pm) at Titles Bookstore on George Street in Peterborough.

"It's kind of surprising because I never thought anything would become of the story when I sent it in," Erin told The Register in an interview.

She says she is always on the lookout for addresses of magazines and publishers soliciting stories and poems. One of those addresses was the publisher of the runaway best-selling "Chicken Soup" books.

"I read stuff and I like to write so I send things in. It's something I do," Erin says.

The story, written when she was 12, was prompted by an actual event, she explains. One day her younger sister Melanie was pushing a doll buggy toward the road and her mother heard a coming. Her mom ran outside and told Melanie to stop.

"But Melanie thought she was playing a game so she started to run faster (towards the road)."

Erin's mother fell and Melanie looked back and started back

towards her avoiding the car that passed along the road.

Erin says her mother looked back and asked who pushed her. No one had, but her mom insists that she was pushed down by a "guardian angel" who saved Melanie.

Erin has been writing since grade one "in my spare time for fun about anything."

"I think I am better at writing than talking in expressing things," she says.

She has also had work published in Owl Magazine and is also half-way through a correspondence art course where she indulges another love -- drawing.

"I can't paint as well but I love to sketch," she says. Erin recently won a third place award for a Remembrance Day poster contest held for Peterborough schools.

"I enjoy them both. Neither

of them is hard (for me)."

Erin says that writing is a possible career option and loved the fact that she has been treated like a professional writer with a contract and a small stipend for the short story.

The book signing tops off all of the excitement.

"I like that part."

She only learned of the Titles appearance last week and is quite thrilled about it.

The story's inclusion in the book caught her off guard, Erin admits.

"I am sort of surprised. I had forgotten I had sent the story there because I had written so many stories before. When they called I asked 'what story was that?'"

Erin says it is an honour to have the story in the book, especially because it was selected by over 600 preteens who voted

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Budding star: Erin Carthew is excited about being asked to sign copies of *Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul 2* at Titles in Peterborough Saturday afternoon. Her story "Pushed By An Angel" is included in the bestseller. Photo/Bill Freeman



Apple Art Celebration—Linda Greenwood and Mary McEwan of Spirit of the Hills, The Northumberland Arts Association, are in good festive spirits for the Apple Festive Art Show held in Brighton. The show was held over the weekend of November 13 and 14 at the former location of The Gallery on the Apple Route. Nineteen Spirit members exhibited at the "well attended" show. Linda Greenwood, the president of the organization said she is very pleased with the member participation, attendance and results of the show. photo/Mary Lou Dumka

Hospice to present "Big Band" visit

Port Hope—The Toronto All-Star Big Band is returning to Port Hope with an all-new show to benefit Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore. Tickets to this show will be welcomed by all big band fans. The 2004 concert sold out early and fans wanted more. TABB responded, and on Saturday May 7th this dynamic orchestra plays the Capitol Theatre with more of the romantic

sounds of the big band era.

Same great band -- all new show. Tickets are available now at the Capitol Theatre Box Office: \$28, or \$25 for groups of 20 or more. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a Silent Auction of fabulous theme packages (cash or cheques).

Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore provides trained volunteers to help people with life-threatening illness maintain dig-

nity, choice and quality of life. Hospice volunteers give practical, emotional and respite support to clients and their family caregivers. The organization is partially funded by Northumberland United Way and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care but relies heavily on community donations and funds raised from special events such as this concert.



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Quinte Conservation opens new website

Belleville—Reserve a campsite at the 3,000-acre Depot Lakes Campground next summer, register for an interpretive hike or catch up on the latest news from Quinte Conservation, all on their new website. The new state-of-the-art website at www.quinteconservation.ca was introduced to the public at a meeting of all three Quinte Conservation Watershed Advisory Boards Nov. 25th.

"The new website provides

information to watershed residents 24 hours a day and also highlights the natural splendor of this area to potential visitors of this beautiful region of Ontario," said Lucille Fragoneni, Quinte Conservation's Community Relations Coordinator.

Purchase online tickets

Information on all of Quinte conservation's programs and services, its 39 dams and 30

conservation areas is available on the site. An interactive map allows visitors to click on the location of a conservation area or dam and be instantly linked to relevant information and

We will have new features - like an online newsletter, available early in 2005 and new items and information being added regularly.

In the near future, for instance, our Watershed Watch volunteers, who record rainfall and other environmental information for us, will be able to submit their data through the website.

photos. Tickets for upcoming fundraising events can be purchased on line and picnic sites may be reserved through the new site. Forms and documents may also be downloaded from the website.

Fragomeni highlighted some of the features of the website to the board members, public and media in attendance explaining that the site was created to be easily updated by Quinte Conservation staff.

"We can make our own updates and changes to the site in-house. It is very straightforward to use and does not require any programming knowledge, only the ability to use simple word

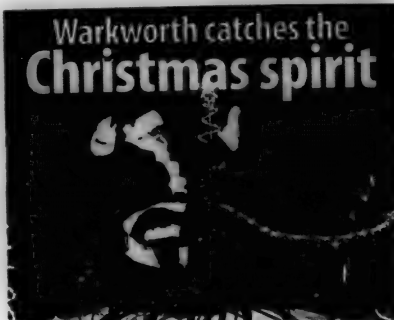
processing software," reported Fragoneni.

Essence Selected

In the fall of 2003 Essence Communications Group of Belleville was selected from among 20 proposals to design and create the new website for Quinte Conservation. The creative team from Essence was on-hand for the launch and available to answer technical questions.

"We encourage people to visit our site regularly. We will have new features - like an online newsletter, available early in 2005 and new items and information being added regularly. In the near future, for instance, our Watershed Watch volunteers, who record rainfall and other environmental information for us, will be able to submit their data through the website. In 2005, we will be working towards making real-time water level data available on the website, direct from our stream gauges on area rivers," explained Fragoneni.

Quinte Conservation, one of 36 conservation authorities in Ontario, is a community-based environmental protection agency. It serves 18 municipalities in the watersheds of the Moira, Napanee and Salmon Rivers, and Prince Edward County. It provides cost effective environmental expertise and leadership that develops and delivers programs to ensure the healthy coexistence between the community, its environment and its economy.



Star of the Show—Last but not least in the Warkworth Santa Claus Parade held last Friday night (Dec. 3rd) was the traditional star of the show-jolly old St. Nicholas himself. The warm Christmas spirit of both the parade participants and the onlookers more than made up for the crisp and chilling temperatures. photo/Rolly Ethier.



Friends of the Library—Two white-winged angels, senior citizen vintage, led the way for other members of the fun-loving Friends of the Warkworth branch of the Trent Hills Library system. The group proved to be one of the hits as the Village welcomed another Christmas season last Friday night by turning out for the annual Santa Claus Parade. photo/Rolly Ethier.



Christmas Hockey Wishes—Members of the Percy Bulldogs' girls hockey team wished everyone along the route a Merry Christmas in the annual Warkworth Santa Claus Parade. Another frigid but enjoyable parade was held through the downtown last Friday night offering testimony to the successful efforts of the hard-working parade organizing committee headed by Mary Greenly. photo/Rolly Ethier.



Enjoying the Parade—A couple of zany characters draw little attention from onlookers as they keep their eyes glued on the annual Santa Claus Parade rolling past them last Friday night (Dec. 3rd) in the Warkworth downtown. Another excellent parade was presented to kick off the countdown of the Christmas season in the village. photo/Rolly Ethier.



Christmas Scouting Gifts—All wrapped up as Christmas gifts in the Warkworth Santa Claus Parade were these cute kids representing Warkworth Scouting. The kids ignored the cool weather and enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and ride on their float through the downtown. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Trenton Memorial

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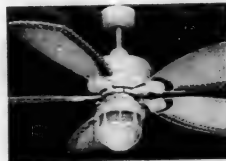
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Red Hats in Vogue—Members of the Red Hat Society had an enjoyable time as participants in the Campbellford Santa Claus Parade, exchanging holiday greetings with residents lining the parade route from their convertible. As can be seen the ladies were definitely in festive style for the occasion. photo/Rolly Ethier.



Avro Arrow at Air Show—The world-class New England Air Show at Chicopee, Mass., saw the appearance of Bernie Lehman's 1:12 scale, 150 mph radio control ducted fanjet of the legendary Canadian fighter CF-105 Avro Arrow. The photo taken August 14, 2004 at Westover ARB in Chicopee where Team Arrow was invited to perform aerial and static displays in the show. Parked behind Team Arrow are the legendary US Air Force Thunderbirds, celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, and a Boeing C-17 Globemaster. Pictured left to right are: Brian Jones, Loadmaster, Bernie Lehman, Pilot, and Rick Jones, Ground Crew and Public Relations. This air show attracted over 400,000 spectators for the two day event, and Team Arrow was proud to represent Canada by bringing the fascinating story of the Avro Arrow to counterparts in the U.S.

PeeWee Colts add another tournament championship

Campbellford—For the second time in the past three weeks the Campbellford Chrysler PeeWee A Colts have skated off with a major tournament championship.

Two weekends ago the Colts ventured to Pembroke and captured regional Silver Stick tournament honours to qualify for a berth in the International Tourney in Forest in January.

The Colts played more energized hockey during the past weekend in the Campbellford Minor Hockey Association tournament with every player giving it a maximum effort. To win the championship they defeated Warkworth 2-0 in game one. In the second game they dumped the Lakefield Chiefs 5-0 and then in the final turned back the Port Hope side 4-1.



Silver Stick Champions—The Campbellford Chrysler Pee Wee A Colts travelled to Pembroke for the Regional Silver Stick Tournament and returned as the 2004 Champions. The Colts captured top honours with an exciting 4-3 victory in the final. The proud champions: Back Row: Ian Petty, Jeff Petherick, Ben McKeown, Lucas Peters, Ryan Bennett, Brad Beaudrie, Todd Kerr. Middle Row: Elijah Crothers, Joe McKeown, Jordan McEvoy, Douglas Little, Tyler Dunkley, Zack Martin. Front Row: Jake Locke, Dylan Ingram, Kyle Newton, Zach Patheld and Lucas Brown.

Hawks open strong

By Stephen Mitchell

Havelock—The Havelock Hawks team is looking strong year. The team started the season with two exhibition games against Campbellford winning both close-fought games 3-2 and 2-1. So the boys were fired up when league play started. Decisive over Brighton 5-1 and Frank 7-1 on Oct 12 & 16 lead into 1-0 record for the month.

Team members are: Stillman and Devon Gero, Michael Gilroy, Joseph W. Zac Mitchell, and Gary Freedland, defense; Dalton Lemer, Camden Church, Nick Lachapelle, Douglas Whyte, Cody Driscoll, forwards.

The PeeWee team also heavily on Atom team members Cody Saunders and Mundle.

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Vipers put muzzle on Huskies

Squad rebounds after OT loss in Kingston



Lots of shots: Jeremy Sharp of the Frankford Huskies saw lots of action Sunday during his teams match with the league leading Norwood Vipers. Photo/Bill Freeman

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood: The Norwood Vipers bounced back nicely after a thrilling 6-5 overtime loss in Kingston putting the bite on the Frankford Huskies 9-1 Sunday.

The challenge, coach Brian Hayton says, was to play intensely against the undermanned Huskies while preparing for Thursday night's big tilt in Whitby. "We wanted the guys to come

out hard and put the challenge out to respond after a tough loss. We thought they came out in the first and responded well," Hayton said after the game.

Norwood did just that and outshot the Huskies 25-3 in the first with Frankford goalie Jeremy Sharp playing heroically to keep the score close at 3-0.

"We moved the puck around well and got lots of shots -- it was a really good start to the game.

"We were good in the first, a little sloppy in the second but in the third came out with some more jump. We wanted to play a strong third to set the tone for Thursday night."

He also liked the fact that his team battled back from a 5-3 deficit against Kingston the night before to force overtime. The Vipers played shorthanded early in that game and paid the price.



New addition: The Norwood Vipers have added more size and skill to their line-up after signing former Peterborough Petes player Andy Johnson. His presence was felt against Kingston and Frankford. Photo/Bill Freeman

"We fought through some adversity after a bit of a slow start," Hayton said. "That was a good sign."

Against Frankford he didn't want his team looking too far ahead but still there was a desire to get ready for the Dunlops.

"The challenge for us going into the third (leading 6-1) was to make sure we didn't forget about the period and look ahead too much because bad habits can creep in," Hayton said. "For the most part they played strong and hopefully that carries over."

Norwood has split its games against Whitby losing a game they led with two minutes to play.

"They've got good depth," says Hayton. "We need to be intense and bring our 'A' game."

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Curry on target but Rebels suffer pair of road losses

Strong effort wasted in loss to Chiefs

Lakefield: As captain of the Campbellford Rebels, Joe Curry has always been a guy who leads from example.

That was in evidence again in recent Empire League junior C action as the Rebels continued to struggle, losing two more games on the road. In action in Picton against an improving Pirate squad, Curry produced a sparkling four-goal performance that went to waste in a 6-4 Campbellford defeat.

Saturday night, the Rebels hit the road again for Lakefield and once again saw a strong effort that coach Jim Peeling describes as a Rebel trend of seeing defeat snatched from the jaws of victory. Rebels ultimately succumbed 7-6 in overtime.

The Pirates have been able to secure the services of Spencer Irving from the Napanee Raiders and he quickly made his presence felt by firing a hat-trick against Campbellford. Picton teamed him with Joey Parks, their captain, for a potent one-two punch. With Parks in form, Craig Turner also added a pair.

The turning point was probably the Rebels inability to come out of the dressing room ready to rumble.

In the first period it took 73 seconds for the Pirates to score. They cashed in again just 14 seconds after the puck was dropped at the start of the second period on a power play. Then Rebels gave up another goal just 67 seconds into the third frame.

The loss certainly couldn't be blamed on Curry, who was a powerhouse. He tallied from down low twice and also hit with wicked wrist shots from 25 and 40 feet. Centre Phil Darrington and Mike Banks rounded out the Rebel scoring.

Losing to Lakefield was another tough pill for the Rebels to swallow as again their defensive zone lapse in not clearing the puck afforded Mike Moore a chance to unload a 33-footer at 2:55 of overtime through a screened Curtis Johnston in the Rebel cage.

Hold 5-3 Advantage

Rebels led 5-3 after 20 minutes as Chief netminder Eric Ostrander had a terrible time controlling rebounds. The Rebels were full value with Curry denting the twine twice-giving him six goals in the two games while Darrington and Banks cashed in singles. The prettiest goal came off the stick of Craig Fleming.

Again the Rebels, leading 4-1 after 12 minutes, had another defensive zone meltdown as Jordan Hill and Josh Hunt scored for the Chiefs just 63 seconds apart. So the 5-3 lead flattered the Chiefs, who maybe as a first place team in the Central division, didn't give the Rebels the respect they deserved.

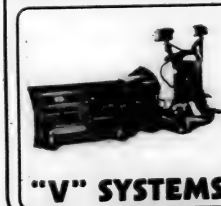
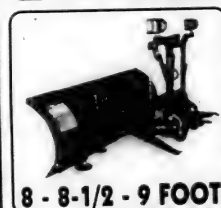
Major Penalty Hurts

In the second period, Moore tallied his second and then Brent Oakley tied it as the Chiefs gained control. Centre Phil Darrington became another Rebel to fall victim to taking dumb penalties. His five-minute major for slashing was the instrument that turned momentum into Lakefield's favour.

Rebels got some stalwart penalty-killing from Nick Temple, Derek Brown, Evan King and Gordie Nelson only to see Bill Banks fool Johnston from long range. That made it 6-5 for the Chiefs.

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Curry on target

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Then Rebels got new life as Nick Temple unloaded an 80-footer that skipped past a startled and screened Ostrander.

The loss failed to dampen the spirits of Rebel coach Jim Peeling, who said his team gave the highly-rated Chiefs all they could handle for 60 minutes. The Rebel coaching staff still believes the team can handle themselves against any junior C squad but have to be more accountable on the ice-eliminating the bad penalties while making good plays with the puck.

Rebels were missing the services of Dan Petherick (suspension), Justin Loucks (injury) and Justin McConnell, who is out with broken ribs suffered in the Amherstview game.

Rebels return to home ice Saturday night to face the Colborne Cobras at 7:30.

Vipers muzzle Huskies

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The loss in Kingston was only their second of the season but the overtime point was well-earned, Joe Hawley says. Hawley fired in two goals against the Huskies before leaving the game with a knee injury after taking a slash.

"Kingston was a good test for us," he said. "They got some of their guys back and had a full lineup. We took some unnecessary penalties which is our downfall at some points."

The Vipers dominated overtime but Kingston got the fortunate bounce.

"It was a good point on the road for us," Hawley said.

He says you can approach a game like Sunday's two ways, especially after a hard loss on the road.

"It can be a little scramble (but) it kind of gives the guys a bit of a rest to get geared up for Whitby. We try to do some of the same things: finish our checks and try to get the puck to the net and not get too fancy which is tough to do because they were short-staffed and basically sitting back and waiting for us."

The addition of former Peterborough's Andy Johnson adds more skill and

size to the line-up and it showed with a three point night.

"It adds depth to the team and that's what we're looking to do," says Hawley. "At this level if you don't have depth you won't be competitive. We're in good shape now and the results are coming together for us."

Chad Birkhof and Dave Stewart also had two goals, both of Stewart's on blistering drives. Scott Wasson, Mike Williams and Johnson added singles. Two assists each went to Wasson, Dave Lorentz, Williams, Stewart and Johnson with Mike Temple, Brian Thompson, Jim McMillan, Birkhof, Hawley and Wes Nickl

adding singles.

Cory Ferguson spoiled R. Aschaber's shutout at the 6 mark of the second.

Stewart started the offense into the game capitalizing on strong rush. They never looked back. He closed the night with a bullet shot with 1:05 to play.

Vipers notes: Mike Sullivan Peterborough won the \$326 50 draw and Jim Rutherford Norwood won the chuck pot. Jamie McComb is still out with a shoulder injury. Ian Donald, Mike Temple and Steve Thompson were shown the gate in third. Temple and Jay Cox dropped the gloves. Norwood hosts Kingston Dec. 19.

Hat trick leads the way

Asphodel-Norwood - The Norwood Sr. Tyke #2 unit flew by Ennismore Eagles 8-3. Alex Barrett, from Jessica Neilson and Brett Smale, started things off then added another with help from Brian Jordan and Mitchell Bell. Goals by Brett Smith and Barrett hat trick marker kept the Hornets on track. Picking up assists were Brett Smale, Rodney Fleming and Bell. Brett came back and scored the next goal assisted by Jessica Neilson and Bell. Jakob Payne blasted one in assisted by Smith and Michael Elliot to end the second. Ennismore made a rush in the third for a goal but Austin Jones held them off while Barrett came back with another Elliot & Jordan. Jones played strong in net holding off the Eagles for the rest of the game while Fleming blasted the final goal assisted by Payne and Brett Smale. Christian McGaffin, and Brad Smale were strong on defense while Hugh Neilson and Sam McWebb continued great plays.



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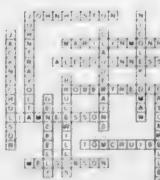
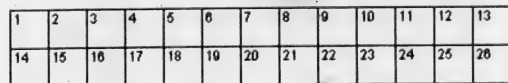
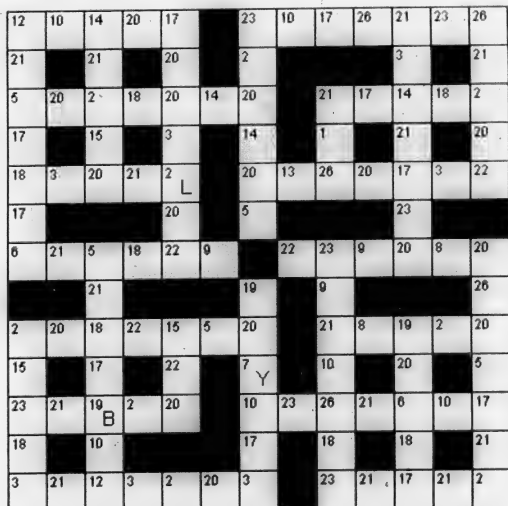
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last weeks solution

Kiwanis Making a Big Noise for One Child at a Time

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"As a family doctor, humanitarian, and a Kiwanian since 1978, I believe children are priority one. They are our future," the Governor said that the Native American name for Kiwanis means, "We make a big noise." In making a big noise, we have impact around the whole world. By changing the life of a single child, we make a big noise. Make a big noise for the destitute, the downtrodden and those living in despair. We do it through membership, service and fun.

Flexibility, adaptability, having fun, while being mindful and respectful of traditional ways is the road to a vital Kiwanis group, the Governor restated the words that the Madoc and Tweed Kiwanis live by, "Children first. Make a big noise for the children. We serve the children of the world. As Kiwanians we believe in it and we deliver on it."

He spoke of the multitudes of success stories with a Kiwanis victory over Iodine Deficiency Disorder. A Kiwanis website of testimonials success stories from Kiwanian Ernesto Boyd who "headed up national efforts to eliminate iodine deficiency at Panama. Thanks to Panama's salt iodization program and the work of dedicated people like Nurse Masson and Ernesto Boyd, our hospital, which initially saw 1,000 patients with goiter, now deals with about 70,

all mild cases...." Ernesto says his greatest reward is "knowing that 70,000 to 80,000 children won't be born with mental disorders" due to iodine deficiency. Nurse Masson has suggested she would like to continue working with the Kiwanis, not only on iodine deficiency, but on other problems like iron deficiency. "Because we know that after five years, we will be successful."

In Romania, the Kiwanis helped the national laboratory monitor population iodine levels to prove the case of iodine deficiency. The results have been tremendous with iodized salt the simple solution for miscarriage, low birthweight babies, premature births as well as mental retardation. Dr. Tania Goldner of Romania's program with UNICEF to eliminate iodine deficiency said, "It was due to Kiwanis support that we were able to have the successes that we have right now. So we consider the members of the Kiwanis Family as our friends, not only as our partners. And we'd certainly like to continue the partnership and to continue the friendship."

In Laos, Souksadi Keothavone had "the small knot under her neck, everyone had them in those days." After she was married and gave birth to her first child the iodine deficiency had claimed another victim with her baby born lacking the mental

resources and physical energy of a normal child. Since the gift of iodized salt she has given birth to three other children, happy and healthy. In 1993, Laos was listed as one of the most severely affected iodine deficient countries. In 2004, it was projected to be the first country in the region after China to achieve universal salt iodization. Landlocked with a mountainous terrain and monsoon climate that work against micro nutrients being retained in the soil, the vegetables and rice consumed in the provinces do not have sufficient iodine. Most of the major food sources of iodine—salt-water fish and seaweed such as kelp—are not featured in the traditional diet. In the mid 1990s, UNICEF and Kiwanis International supported national action to end endemic iodine deficiency. They worked with salt producers, teachers, and the government to get salt iodized, ensure people

understood its benefits, and to monitor results.

Kiwanians never become complacent, but remain diligent as they continue to strive to protect and ensure healthy happy lives for the Children of Madoc, Tweed, Canada and the World. Governor Dr. John Button reminded the Kiwanis members, "Think Big and Do Big. One Child at a time. Let's get out there and make a Big noise for the children."

He reminded the two Kiwanis groups of the plights of children all over, whose voice is small, "loving children who have forgot what love feels like....violated, forgotten....raped, tortured, dead, abused....preventable illness, babes with AIDS."

"One Child at a time....and it is the very Kiwanians in your community who keep children as "Priority One....helping one child at a time."



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Governor Dr. John Button with his wife and Kiwanian Debbie Button were honoured guests with Lt. Governor Ralph Porter and his wife Katie at the Madoc Kiwanis recently. Very impressed with the efforts of the Madoc and Tweed Kiwanis contributions the Governor complimented their steps for helping Children in their communities and all over the world. In the photo: Back Row L to R: Lt. Governor Ralph Porter; Governor Dr. John Button; Madoc Kiwanians: Ted Cassidy; Ron Ellis; Brent Forestell; Cliff Derry and Joe Durst. Middle Row: Madoc Kiwanians: Don Smith; Shawn Adams; Dan Fawcett and Jim Denison. Front Row sitting: Madoc Kiwanians: John Ellis; Karen Jones; Pam Fawcett; Garry Gill and Jim Baker. photo: L.J. Jackson



GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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Subject: Letter to the Editor

Central Hastings OPP Report

Weather Causes Several Traffic Accidents

Hastings County - The icy, wet road conditions are to blame for several traffic accidents that occurred on Tuesday, December 7th.

The Central Hastings detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received reports of four separate collisions during the day. All of them took place on secondary roads and occurred when the drivers lost control on the ice and slid off into the ditches. There were no injuries involved in any of the accidents.

With the wintry weather now upon us it is important that all drivers take extra care. Ensure your car is in good working order and that the tires have sufficient tread for the snow. Keep your speed down and your vehicle under control. You never know when the ice may start to build up on the road. Please - be safe.

Counterfeit Money

Centre Hastings - For the second time in the past two weeks, counterfeit money has been turned over to the Ontario Provincial Police for investigation.

The cafeteria at Centre Hastings Secondary School in Madoc reported that they had received a counterfeit \$5 note sometime during the day. An examination of the note found that it had obviously been made with a copier. The note will be forwarded to the R.C.M.P. for filing and the investigation is continuing.

Watershed Conditions Bulletin

Quinte Conservation advises watershed residents to exercise caution around area waterways as water levels on area rivers are above normal for this time of year. Between 25 and 30 millimetres of rain is expected tomorrow (Tuesday, December 7, 2004) which will cause water levels to increase further.

Water levels on larger rivers like the Moira, Napanee and Salmon Rivers are expected to rise slowly over the next few days in response to the runoff from the predicted rainfall. These large rivers will easily accommodate the runoff from the precipitation.

The public is encouraged to exercise caution around area waterways. Parents and guardians are urged to keep children away from fast flowing creeks and waterways. Dams and other water control structures should be avoided at all times due to strong currents. Streambanks will be slippery and treacherous.

Quinte Conservation monitors water levels and weather forecasts as part of its flood forecasting and flood warning program. Anyone with concerns about water levels may call Quinte Conservation at 613-968-3434 or 613-354-3312.

A watershed conditions bulletin is issued to raise awareness about a change or potential change in conditions on local waterways.

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Diverse Santa collection in Tweed

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gifts to the Christ Child.

The Heritage Centre collection has some of these in all shapes and sizes. With the advent of commercialism being injected into Christmas the Santa we know today came from that. Coca Cola is credited with introducing the present day Santa - a large man, dressed in red with white beard and hair.

Mr. Morton said the Centre would be more than happy to accept any kind of Santa for their collection. "Santa is part of our past. Our collection shows how the image of Santa has changed over the years and in different parts of the world," he said.

Mr. Morton extends an invitation to all to visit the Heritage Centre and view their collection and, if you have something to add to it, even better.

Depending on your view, Santa Claus is an image of Christmas, an icon recognized worldwide, abet by different names, who gives gifts to children.

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years. Accepted dogma is that a monk named Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends.

By the Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most popular saint in Europe. Even after the Protestant Reformation when the veneration of saints began to be discouraged, St. Nicholas maintained a positive reputation, especially in Holland. 200 years ago Americans knew the value of pushing a religious icon for material gain - enter Eighteenth-century America's Santa Claus. An St. Nicholas-inspired gift-giver to make an appearance at Christmas Time.

In 1822, Clement Clarke Moore, an Episcopal minister, wrote a long Christmas

poem entitled, "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas." Moore's poem, which he was hesitant to publish due to the frivolous nature of its subject, is largely responsible for our modern image of Santa Claus as a "right jolly old elf" and a supernatural ability to ascend up a chimney with a mere nod of his head!

Although some of Moore's imagery was probably borrowed from other sources, his poem helped to popularize the now-familiar idea of a Santa Claus who flew from house to house on Christmas Eve in "a miniature sleigh" led by eight flying reindeer. Christkind or Kris

Kringle was believed to deliver presents to well-behaved Swiss and German children. Meaning "Christ child," Christkind is an angel-like figure often accompanied by St. Nicholas his holiday missions.

In Scandinavia, a jolly named Jultomten was thought to deliver gifts in a sleigh drawn by goats.

English legend explains Father Christmas visits home on Christmas Eve to children's stockings with holiday treats.

Pere Noel is responsible for filling the shoes of French children.

Provincial action plan fights domestic violence

Cobourg - As part of its first steps in a long-term action plan to fight domestic violence, the provincial government is investing \$12,831 in Northumberland Services for Women. The money will be utilized for a transitional and housing support program that helps women and their children fleeing domestic violence.

"We are reaching out to better serve more women who are victims of domestic violence," said Northumberland MPP Lou Rinaldi. "We are helping women connect with a network of

community supports so they can find and maintain the housing they need to build a stable life for themselves and their children."

Under the Transitional and Housing Support Program, the government is investing an additional \$3.5 million annually to help more than 70 women's shelters, second stage houses and community agencies that provide refuge and counselling for abused women and their children. This brings the government's total annual investment in these critical support services to \$9.1 million.

The additional funding builds on the success of existing outreach services but is more flexible and accessible. The additional funding goes beyond serving women in shelters, providing supports to women with a diversity of needs - including those living in their own homes.

The new funding enhances existing supports that help women live their lives free from domestic violence by helping to find safe, secure housing, and by providing counselling and advocacy services, job training and income supports.

The government's long-term action plan to fight domestic violence, introduced by Premier McGuinty in April, also sets aside an additional \$4.9 million for a four-year public education and awareness campaign to help communities break the cycle of violence and improve training for police officers, Crown attorneys and others working in the criminal justice system.

"Violence against women is unacceptable," said M.P.P. Rinaldi. "When we help women and their children find lives free of violence, the whole community benefits."

Government apologizes

Queen's Park - On Dec. 3, Ontario's Chair of Management Board of Cabinet apologized on behalf of the Ontario Government for a cheque printing error that led to the disclosure of personal information of some recipients of the Ontario Child Care Supplement (OCCS).

"I take this matter extremely seriously and apologize on behalf of the government for this unacceptable release of personal information," said Gerry Phillips. "I want to assure the public that government officials have identified the cause of the problem and have taken steps to ensure this does not happen again."

The error occurred during the implementation of a computer software upgrade. The information on the cheques was correct.

However, the stubs, attached to the cheques contained the name, address and an identifier that includes the Social Insurance Number of another recipient on the computer master list. The government is checking to ensure that no problems have arisen in other computer cheque systems.

"We are working with the Information and Privacy Commissioner as well as others with expertise regarding the inadvertent disclosure of personal information to determine the most appropriate way to assist the affected individuals," said Phillips.

Any questions or concerns call English 1-800-263-7965, French 1-800-668-5821, TTY 1-800-263-7776.

Will be at Titles for book signing

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on favourite stories. She is one of only a handful of Canadians included in the book.

Her schoolmates don't know of this yet but are about to find out. A couple of her teachers know, she says. But staff and students at Norwood District Public School do.

A gifted English student who has been working one year ahead of her normal grade level in that subject, Erin says she is "not working on anything at the moment. But I will whenever I feel inspired."

Her other hobbies include crafts, playing the drums and mentoring her younger sister.

A portion of the proceeds of the sales of this book will be donated to various nonprofit organizations including Kristi Yamaguchi's "Always Dream Foundation"; the "Life Rolls On Foundation," which raises money to fund spinal cord research and UNICEF.

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Enchanted tale: Asphodel-Norwood Reeve Doug Peary shares one of his favourite Christmas stories with a quartet of captivated youngsters during the third annual literacy links dinner at Norwood District High School last Wednesday. Youngsters and their families from Norwood High's associated feeder schools were warmly welcomed by celebrity readers, students, staff and the Norwood Lions and Lioness Clubs which prepared a first-rate turkey dinner with all the trimmings. To top the evening every child was given a book to take home with them. Photo/Bill Freeman

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A world of wonder in Jordan

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - It's worlds away, but a group of grade four students at Norwood District Public School have used a simple e-mail link to forge a strong bond with a Peterborough-Lakefield police officer training Iraqi cadets in Amman, Jordan.

And it is a bond that has opened up vistas they could never have previously imagined, says education assistant Laurie Erratt, the driving force behind establishing a unique class connection with Jeff Chartier.

"What better way to learn about something than connecting with the person experiencing it," says Ms. Erratt. She had first met Const. Chartier while working at a

Peterborough school last year. The officer had come to speak to grade ones about being a police officer. Laurie next learned

that Const. Chartier had traveled to Jordan to help train Iraqi civilians and cadets to become

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No room at the inn: With falling snow adding to the brightness of the occasion, Maple View Retirement Centre in Norwood hosted its annual outdoor nativity program Sunday evening with Jack Walker and Aleesha Martin starring as Mary and Joseph. Dusty the donkey also played a major role. Photo/Bill Freeman

Gives a Cultural Twist to Comfort Country Christmas

By L.A. Jones

Old Indian saying: "When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice."

Madoc - The Ambassador of the Mohawks, "Dendee", Sarawee Brent (Deline), with the Bear Clan brought cultural dignity and left an aura of calm purity at the Comfort Country Christmas held at Madoc.

Sage, tobacco, cedar and muslin, he explained in his story of a storyteller, helped clean the surroundings, sweet grass "helps us open up and see other things." "When you were born from the smoke, see some things, smoke things. We will talk of great things together..."

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Environmental Study Suggests Don't Eat the Fish Don't Drink the Water

By L.A. Jones

Centre Hastings - In an effort to ensure the safety of the fish and those who enjoy the water at Moira Lake, Hastings Municipal Council have continued to go on a mission of the contamination that persists, hiding the location from the Deloro Mine. A study completed 2000 showed the Moira Lake Watershed contains arsenic, arsenic and arsenic compounds (As), cobalt, copper (Cu), nickel (Ni), lead (Pb), and silver (Ag).

Unsatisfied with the 2000 study, Centre Hastings has gone further with its investigations into the contamination with an environmental study from Trent University. The report was presented to Centre Hastings Municipal Council on November 1st, 2001.

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Winter Wonderland—The first major snowfall of the season left the Campbellford area looking like a winter wonderland just in time for Christmas. Of course, the weatherman has a capricious sense of humour and whether the white stuff will remain for Santa's annual visit is the \$64 question. But the purists are at least dreaming of a white Christmas. Photo/Rally Ethier.

Letter to the Editor: Change is coming

Change is coming in the legal meaning of the word "marriage" should the Prime Minister's present direction result in new law.

In 1995 the Supreme Court provided the opinion that "marriage is by nature heterosexual. It would be legally possible to define marriage to include homosexual couples, but this would not change the biological and social realities that underlie traditional marriage," and that:

"Marriage has from time immemorial been firmly grounded in our legal tradition, one that is itself a reflection of long-standing philosophical and religious traditions."

In the name of equality, the court has ruled that the term "marriage" should apply to both heterosexual and homosexual unions and that the federal gov-

ernment has the right to make that change.

There is another option that respects equality under the law and that is to rename the "marriage certificate" to reflect what it is: an agreement through which enforceable legal responsibilities are assumed. A term such as "civil union contract" or "registered domestic partnership" could replace "marriage certificate" for both heterosexual and homosexual unions.

Following this option there would be equality for all couples choosing to accept responsibilities to each other, thereby meeting the requirements of the Supreme Court.

By removing the term "marriage" from the statutes books all would be at liberty to apply the meaning to the word "marriage" according to our personal beliefs.

Such an action on the part of the Parliament of Canada would avoid the divisiveness that will be engendered by whatever is the outcome of a vote in the House of Commons on the direction currently proposed by the Government.

Parliament having begun a seven week break on December 14th, a timely opportunity exists for constituents to express their views to their Member as they move about their riding.

Yours truly
Joe Hueglin
Niagara Falls, Ontario

Ganaraska region on board in major protection program

Port Hope—Local Conservation Authorities, including Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) are gearing up for a program focusing on the long-term protection of drinking water sources for the Trent/Ganaraska Watershed Region. The province has announced that a total of \$13 million is to be provided to assist Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities and their partners to initiate the preparation of source protection plans.

"Protecting water before it enters our treatment systems is the first step in making sure

our drinking water is safe," said Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of the Environment.

GRCA, in partnership with the Crowe Valley, Lower Trent, Kawartha Region and Otonabee Region Conservation Authorities, will be directing the preparation of watershed-based source protection plans for the watershed region - a 15,000 square kilometre area stretching from Algonquin Park to Lake Ontario.

Lower Trent Conservation is the lead for the Trent/Ganaraska Watershed Region.

Plans for hockey skills academy launch look good

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - Details for the official launch of Norwood District High School's Hockey Canada Skills Academy are falling nicely in place with the kick-off set for Jan. 16.

There is a buzz of excitement as the countdown begins towards surrounding the official introduction of the school's co-ed elite and recreational/competitive skills programs, which operate under the auspices of Hockey Canada.

The Norwood District High program is only the third to be licensed by Hockey Canada in Ontario and joins a growing list of academies across Canada.

The school is currently running a pilot HCSA on-ice and off-ice program for grade 6-8 students which has been an unqualified success.

The Jan. 16 launch will feature a big CIS hockey game between the University of Toronto Lady Blues and the Ottawa Gees at the brand new Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre starting at 2 p.m. Before the game (noon until 2 p.m.) there will be presentations by Varsity Blues and former national team coach Karen Hughes and Shelley Coolidge of the Gees. They will talk about university hockey and choices available to

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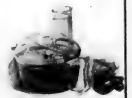
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Environmental Study Suggests Don't Eat the Fish Don't Drink the Water

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formal and complete report will be presented to council in the new year.

The interim report by the University suggested that a more indepth study be completed on the fish of several species which inhabit the lake contradicting the suggestion of the Moira River Study (2000) that no health effects would be found and the study indicated there was no concern to findings of elevated levels in the white sucker and longnose dace.

The University interim report read: "The Moira River Study (2000) sampled two sentinel fish species, white sucker and longnose dace and calculated metal bioaccumulation factors to fish based on average water concentrations and sediment concentrations.....the study found that white sucker had high As and Co.....longnose dace samples..... revealed significantly elevated levels for AS, Ni and Silver and although not considered significant, Co and Cu also showed higher levels."

"These metal concentrations suggest to us that there may be reason for concern with eating such fish and that this needs some more sampling and analyses," Hummel and Hutchinson cautioned Council. "It does not seem a good idea to eat white-sucker or dace from the Lake or the river."

The University report and studies conflict with the old Moira River Study (2000) which inferred no clear abnormalities, but admitted to skin lesions on the fish. The University reported that the skin lesions were indicative of As exposure in humans, similar to the lesions on the noses of men who worked in the mines. "It again seems possible that the fish are more stressed by the arsenic and other metal exposure than has been acknowledged in the Moira Lake study and sensible prudence should be exercised in fish consumption. It also adds to the need for a more detailed fish study to be done. To have high arsenic levels in the fish and a suggestion of skin dermatitis is a warning that should not be simply dismissed."

The controversial idea of dredging basins in the lake that contain high concentrations of contamination was discussed by council with Hummel and Hutchinson. The report indicated that dredging would not only be costly, but potentially could add to the contamination. "In addition to cost, dredging would cause deeper, more contaminated sediments to reenter the water column and become more available. To control phosphorous within Moira Lake, the Moira Lake Action Plan (Warne and Kutasienski 2001) recommends short term tactics. These tactics include mechanical control by cutting (not pulling) and harvesting the weeds along with the placement of a sediment barrier as long as there is an understanding of technical effectiveness, ecological implications and costs."

Warne and Kutasienski (2001) conducted a fisheries inventory and aquatic habitat survey report for the Ministry of Transportation which determined, "that if construction was needed on the existing rock causeway or a new rock causeway was built through the lake, the contaminated sediments should be removed and disposed of at a controlled landfill."

The University report suggested monitoring to Council, "Water sampling of Moira Lake and the surrounding wells needs to occur regularly to ensure the safety of surrounding residents as well as visitors to the area.....steps need to be taken to ensure that all well water users really KNOW that their wells are potentially suspect and that well water samples need to be taken and analyzed on a regular basis and the results made known to the residents, visitors, the Council, Department of Health, etc."

Hummel and Hutchinson suggested that monitoring should be done at Moira Lake and at its entrance during and after the Deloro remediation plan is put into effect, since the chance of remobilization of contaminated material entering the Moira River at Deloro and at Young's Creek are rather high. This they suggested would be insurance that the clean up efforts would not cause additional contamination to migrate downstream and be deposited over the less contaminated top sediment layers in the lake and watershed.

The report recommended that the construction of a new water sampling station at the west entrance to Moira Lake would provide year round monitoring. The environmental study added, "There are still residents drinking the water. People who are visiting, renting cottages, etc. need to be informed about the situation as well and given precautionary advice. A more systematic survey and monitoring of these wells needs to be done."

The report to council ended with, "Data are needed for 1 seasons in the lake and river as there may well be wide fluctuations dependent on the seasonal fluctuations in the arsenic in the lake water, and affected by the seasonal feeding habits of the fish. The analyses and interpretation should be made known to Council and to the residents and fishermen."

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CHSS Spreads Spirit of Generosity Throughout Centre Hastings

The spirit of generosity is strong at Centre Hastings Secondary School as the festive season draws closer. Each year, students and staff join together with the goal of giving back to the community, thus truly showing it is a community school.


The Christmas Auction, an activity where students, staff, and the business community donate items to be auctioned off at the school. This is a festive tradition whereby students and staff can come together to celebrate the holidays getting closer, do some early shopping, and ultimately know that all of the money they spend will be going directly back to various charities in the Centre Hastings Community. This year, the auction was held on Tuesday, December 7, and was well attended, raising over \$2,100.00 for charity. Students were spirited as they bid on a vast array of donated items including dvds, sporting goods, and a gourmet dinner.

The students of Centre Hastings also braved the weather to support the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Madoc Village Square. Local dignitaries, along with an impressive number of community members came out in the snow and ice to celebrate the grand opening, and be entertained by local student talent. Members from the CHSS pit band of "A Christmas Carol" treated onlookers to a selection of pieces from the upcoming theatrical production. Anticipation grew as the audience was informed that tickets for the full length student production were available at the CHSS main office.

A time for Christmas Sharing is another theme that is currently filling the halls of CHSS. Students in home rooms are once again collecting food items to help ensure that community members who are less fortunate, are able to enjoy some good food at this time of year. The food baskets that are generated through this initiative are delivered to families in need through the various communities in Centre Hastings.

Clearly, lessons in generosity are being taught both inside and outside the classrooms of CHSS. Centurians have "caught the festive spirit"; students and staff are enjoying the many events and activities that come with this special time of year.

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An open letter to Canada

Dear Prime Minister Martin:
I can appreciate the difficulty of your position. Trying to balance a noisy special interest group, egged on by an appointed collection of left-leaning judges, with the will of the majority of Canadians.

Our nation is at a crucial crossroads, where we determine whether or not we are going to continue embracing the belief system that this country was founded on. A belief system based on Judeo-Christian principles that, through times of challenge and stress over the years, formed the foundation of one of the most blessed nations on this earth.

When we have so much, it is so easy to take our ease of life for granted. We so quickly assume that it is our hard work and intelligence that has resulted in our good fortune. But there are plenty of smart and hardworking people around the world - why is Canada so much more fortunate than many of the rest?

I recall a time not long ago, when the nations of the world thought they had finally outsmarted one of the fundamental forces in the world. I remember reading how we had entered a "new economy" where the rules of yesterday no longer applied. I'm sure you remember it well in your position of finance minister when the economy at the turn of this century fought back, and all of these very smart people were proven very, very wrong. Fundamental laws of the universe don't simply change, whether we sincerely believe they will or not.

There is no denying that Judeo-Christian belief systems have been blamed for some of the injustices of the past 2000 years. But the reality is that wherever Christianity has gone, democracy, pluralism and freedom have followed. The freedom for everyone to believe whatever it is they choose. The sad irony that we see in Western countries around the world is that the very belief system that allowed for freedom of thought and pluralism; itself has been excluded from the public debate.

For the new religion of tolerance supposedly has room for everyone - except the mother that gave it life.

I know that we Canadians pride ourselves on being among the most "enlightened" nations on the earth, and the various lobbies work hard to appeal to that arrogance. The truth is, of course, that we are far behind the "enlightenment" of previous societies. We haven't come close to the sexual freedom that the Romans experienced, for instance. We humans see such a small glimpse of time and the consequences of our moral decay of often aren't witnessed for generations. But after watching so many great civilizations collapse in centuries past, you would think we would become more cautious.

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Buckwa Beaver



EDITORIAL

the countless families who are on fixed incomes.

If a home owner does absolutely nothing to improve the value of his/her property in a given year, why should that person's assessment increase solely because of the sale of someone else's house especially since an increased assessment translates inevitably into increased municipal property taxes? The fact that MPAC decided to freeze the 2005 assessments to the 2004 levels is a tacit admission that the system (CVA) is not working.

The Province of Nova Scotia had been struggling with this issue and on May 20, 2004 under Bill 40 (as amended), rolled the assessments back four years to the 2001/2002 level. This partly corrected the problems down there that also now confront this province.

Our goal, as stated in our membership information is to have the government recognize that the foundation of MPAC is flawed; and then make recommended changes to provide an acceptable alternative where the people of this province have some control over the taxes they are paying.

Working Together WE Can Make A Difference!
The Board of Directors
CAFTA

United Way "Blue Book" needs correct info

The United Way of Peterborough and District is getting ready to print the 2005 edition of the Peterborough Blue Book (Community Services Blue Handbook) in the New Year. All organizations or businesses in Peterborough City and County should call to make sure we have all of your correct information.

The Blue Book is a comprehensive list of all community organizations, government offices, doctors, lawyers, counsellors, school media, politicians, faith community and service clubs in the Peterborough City and County.

To check to make sure we have your information call Arlene at 705-742-0393.

Len Lifchus
United Way
of Peterborough and District

Letters to the editor

CAFTA terms Councillor is "misguided"

Re: Crisis? What Crisis?
In Community Press (Dec. 10th)

Mr. Peters' heart may be in the right place for customer services related inquiries, but he is severely misguided when it comes to what is acceptable for increases in assessment and the resulting taxes. Many years of exposure to assessment procedures are necessary in order to really understand what is going on, not just a few hours of interviewing the bureaucracy.

Councillor Dean Peters would have the public believe that there is no problem with property assessment and the resulting property taxes. The figures he used to arrive at the increase are indeed correct for ALL the properties in Trent Hills. However, a closer look at the breakdown of these figures by category shows an increase for residential properties of 10.39 per cent (MPAC's website actually indicates an overall increase of 11.4%).

Multi-residential assessments have gone up 20.87 per cent. These are just two examples of increases that it would appear he would not have us look at to get a correct and balanced view at what has actually happened. To be even more accurate, more detailed dissection of the figures are necessary to show what is going on. This takes hours of research without the use of MPAC's computers.

All statistics and figures used by CAFTA at our meetings are

carefully arrived at and are never blown out of proportion. To do so, would undermine our credibility.

CAFTA does not wish to become involved in a public forum of manipulating figures in order to influence the people of this province. Mr. Peters points out MPAC's customer service levels could be debated to some end only if there was an open forum and all parties had the right to MPAC's real numbers.

Talking to professional managers at MPAC will do nothing for our goal of assessment reform. Without equal access to their information any questioner is at a disadvantage.

Mr. Peters does not have the background to fully understand the concerns of CAFTA. Without that knowledge and the determination and ability to delve deeply into MPAC, with all due respect, his insights into this topic are of limited value.

The Plan is Flawed

It should also be made clear that the people at MPAC are not the villains. They are simply executing a plan that is flawed.

Aside from the central issue of skewed statistics provided by Dean Peters/MPAC, the astonishing acknowledgement that the average assessment increase province-wide was in the order of a whopping 13 per cent should be cause for concern for even Dean Peters.

The fact that assessment increases could be increased on average to that extent, compared to cost-of-living and average salary increases that only moved upwardly in the range of

three to four per cent is frightening. Increasing property assessment is a sure step in ensuring a commensurate municipal tax increase. And 13 per cent should be an acceptable average level?

It is naive to the extreme to think that the fairness and appropriateness of the current assessment system should be determined by the amount of Requests for Reconsideration or Appeals that are received annually by MPAC. Most people simply accept their assessments regardless of increases as they think that it would be an exercise in futility to challenge them or "take on city hall" as it is often perceived.

The fundamental shortcoming of Current Value Assessment (CVA) is that it is based on the frivolities of the real estate market. As long as real estate values remain the central criteria to determine property assessment, we will not be able to ensure stability and predictability in the system, which is so essential for our senior citizens and

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Here we go again, another case of weak-kneed government officials catering to the unstable emotions of people who have served as jurors. This time it's in Manitoba. The province will announce plans to give so-called stressed jurors counseling to relieve stress disorders including night sweats, nightmares

Emotionally And Mentally Unstable

and other traumas related to evidence during various trials either seen or heard by people acting as jurors.

Jurors who saw pictures of a blood-stained body or listened to a witness describe a murder scene are in need of counseling according to Manitoba Justice Minister Gord Macintosh. Here is another wacko idea to soothe the discomfort of those exposed to things out of the ordinary. The next thing you know jurors will be allowed to sue for compensation due to trauma and stress while fulfilling their duty as jurors. Here's a great idea...Why

not put people on juries who are emotionally stable.

AND SPEAKING OF THE RIDICULOUS....

Does the name Jeremy Hinzman ring a bell? He's the guy who is AWOL from the U.S. military and has claimed refugee status in Canada. This guy could be the start of another 50,000 draft dodgers coming to Canada, just as they did in the 70s. Back then, young men avoided going to Vietnam simply by coming across the border to this country and refusing to sign up for duty in the American armed forces. In this case, Jeremy Hinzman has already joined the American services and now he claims he doesn't like it so he comes over here crying like a baby. This is not a matter of agreeing or disagreeing with the Bush policy of

going to war. It's not about the politics of the present American government or whether you like or dislike the Bush policies. It is about serving one's country after you make a decision to enlist. No other country in the world would even consider giving this man a hearing let alone a day in court. Send him back to the U.S. to face the music. Let's not condone a cowardly act.

Now on a more positive note, we hear Costco in the USA will now be selling cheap caskets. I guess a Costco casket is better than a body-bag. And for the living...the over sixty crowd...there is a new retirement community in Ontario that's arousing interest among the baby boomers across the province. It's called Viagara-on-the-lake

....AND SO IT GOES!

Mohawk Ambassador Gives a Cultural Twist to Comfort Country Christmas

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do-we spoke of the simple things he had gathered around him; a feather, a stone pipe, "...someday my grandson will hold that."

"My medicine box...there are things that help to talk... My door is always open...don't pay me. Come with an open heart." The descendant of Joseph Brant spoke of great things - where payment would be an insult.

He brought with him great things and spoke wise words that were simple and true. "There is a picture my grandson drew. I kept it. It is very important to me...Each is a story...the drum is from my Clan of the Bear."

"Learn patience and understanding. We are going to look after the country for a long time." Deady-do-we said the simple words, "if my neighbour is hungry, we feed her."

He spoke of the peace chain that never ends - with each block a family. He spoke of the Peacemaker - the Big Man and told his many listeners the story that had similarities to the reasons many celebrate Christmas; similarities to the man across the great water.

"A woman lived in a Village

not far from here. There was always fighting. They were fighting with each other and the Villagers could never get their jobs done. There was too much fighting...Grandmother got fed up and took her Granddaughter. Come on, we're going to leave this place and have a few peaceful years. You will find a man who likes to live in peace."

They lived on a hill. The storyteller continued. "It was winter when things began. The Granddaughter became pregnant, but she had never been touched by a man."

The Creator did not intend for man to kill one another, so the Creator sent a special emissary to the people. The Peacemaker came into this world to teach the path of peace to all who would hear it. Peace, it should be explained is not merely the lack of wars and fighting, but a state of mind. The Ambassador of the Mohawks spoke to the people at the Comfort Country Christmas with a peaceful state of mind, continuing the story of the Peacemaker and their minds were open, as were their hearts.

Many times the Mother shed tears because of the harshness of

the Grandmother. The Grandmother, ashamed took the baby up against a tree to die, but the next morning, the baby was snug up against his mother. The

Grandmother tried a second time. "She took the baby out on the ice on the Bay of Quinte. She made a hole in the ice and put the baby in it...that spot



The 3 upright feathers on a Mohawk headdress symbolize the tenets which the Great Peace was based on. The 2 upright feathers on Onondaga headdresses symbolize the law and the authority to protect it. The single upright feather on the headdresses of the other Haudenosaunee nations symbolize the concept of "One Mind".



The storyteller spoke of the Peacemaker, unfolding the legend easily and sharing the hint of relationship of why many celebrate Christmas.



These simple things are important. The Ambassador of the Mohawks, Deady-do-we, spoke of simple things that were great things.

Street

Question of the week

Do you agree/disagree with the Supreme Court decision on same sex marriages?



If they want a civil contract, I agree but, please, I do not want to see homosexuals married in a church
Shirley Patterson
Councilor
Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

We interviewed many residents on this hot topic, but although many had opinions, few were willing to be quoted.

never freezes today. You can go and see it."

The Grandmother was just about to go to the lodge when she heard the baby again. He was back with his mother. The Grandmother tried a third time. "She took the baby again to the west. She dug a hole. It is now a swamp. There are things in there that make wonderful medicines today."

After the Grandmother buried the baby, she went back up to the top of the hill and heard the baby again. His cries were like listening to someone sing. As Deganiwida, (the baby - the Peacemaker) grew up strong, he spread the word that war is bad. He told the Villagers to stop the fighting, feed the children, get along and help plant the fields.

As the story unfolded, Deganiwida asked of his father, "Mother, where is my father?" The mother answered, "Your father is like the wind, but it is a different wind."

He was directed to follow the river to the top of the great mountain. The mountain has a white face and is called White Face Mountain. He went back

to carve a canoe from stone. "You can see the marks are there."

The Peacemaker met with Hiawatha. The story took listeners to the Great Tree Peace, still standing in New York State. "It was a black time. The Peacemaker addressed the people. He said, stop the war; grieve; get rid of the tools of war. The Nations agreed."

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"It was a good thing. The people started looking at the children." The storyteller said when the Peacemaker had taught them all they were going to learn, he said his goodbyes, will be back. This is for all the people. Care for elders, women and children. No abuse. Understand and find a way. When come back, there will be hol in my hands and feet..."

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Seizing new opportunities, Premier says about summit

Agri-Food Address—Premier Dalton McGuinty thanks conference delegates at Agri-Food Summit for helping to make Ontario's agriculture and food industry "a world leader."

Toronto—Ontario's first annual Agri-Food Summit is helping forge a shared vision that will allow the industry to seize new opportunities, said Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

"This summit is about developing a common vision for the future of the agri-food sector in Ontario for the next five, 10, even 15 years," said Premier

McGuinty.

"I want to congratulate farmers and representatives of the

"Working together, we can develop a vision for the future of this vitally important sector of our economy," said Premier McGuinty.

food industry for their leadership and thank them for helping to make Ontario's agricul-

ture and food industry a world leader."

The summit brought together farmers and representatives from government and the food industry to identify some of the challenges and opportunities the sector faces, such as:

- Growing consumer demand for food that is safe, nutritious and produced in an environmentally responsible way

- Growing demand for renewable fuels such as ethanol and bio-diesel

- Making Ontario more competitive by developing new products and new markets.

Premier McGuinty thanked participants for taking a long-term view and encouraged them to seize opportunities presented by new trends and technologies that will make Ontario's agri-food sector a leader and help build a more prosperous province.

"Working together, we can develop a vision for the future of this vitally important sector of our economy," said Premier McGuinty. "Together, we can make Ontario's agriculture and food sector the envy of the world."



Agricultural Flavour—These two youngsters appear to be having a fun time dressed up as calves to provide an agricultural theme for the annual Santa Claus Parade held Dec. 3rd in Warkworth. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Bay of Quinte targets final actions in strategy for eco-system cleanup

Belleville—In 1985, the governments of Canada and the United States identified The Bay of Quinte as a pollution hotspot on the Great Lakes. A mix of toxic contaminants, bacterial, and nutrient overloads had led to great imbalances in the aquatic ecosystem of the Bay. Plant and animal diversity was being lost... habitats, especially wetlands were disappearing or seriously degraded... and risks to human health were possible.

Something had to be done without delay. That same year, 1985, the development of a Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan (BQ-RAP) was started. A Coordinating Committee made up of federal and provincial ministries, and a Public Advisory Committee representing local,

Bay of Quinte interests drafted an action plan (1993).

Three Distinct Stages

BQ-RAP has three distinct stages. Stage I - defining the problems; Stage II - recommending restoration actions and implementing them (known locally as "The Big Cleanup") and Stage III - enhanced monitoring to measure success.

BQ-RAP is in the final months of its current Five-Year Work Plan (2001-2005). A number of targeted actions have been taken to protect progress to date;

- protection of significant natural areas in partnership with municipalities and landowners (256 hectares of wetland have been successfully rehabilitated)

- restoration and protection of fish habitats (a Bay of Quinte Fish Habitat Management Plan has been developed)

- wildlife monitoring to track trends in environmental conditions via community volunteers (Community Wildlife Monitoring Program)

- reduction of urban pollution to the Bay by implementing municipal pollution control planning studies (important achievements have been realized, including since 1990, a 50% reduction in phosphorus loads to the Bay from sewage treatment plants).

A review of where the committee stands and what cleanup actions remain to be completed has just begun. This review will also include an anticipation of on-going monitoring needs. The ultimate goal is to have the Bay removed from the list of pollution hotspots on the Great Lakes. In addition to completing Stage II actions, "monitoring, measuring and maintaining" will be the watchwords in Stage III of the BQ-RAP.

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Christmas Safety for Pets - Part 2

From the tree, deck the halls, and don't forget your pets when planning your holiday decor. Particularly in households with new puppies or kittens, some decorations can present safety concerns. Tinsel and narrow ribbons are tempting toys for cats, but can be lethal if eaten. As they try to pass these objects through their digestive systems, serious injury can occur. Glass ornaments can be lovely, but are too fragile for use around animals. A surprising number of dogs will go on to eat the broken shards after smashing the glass balls.

Secure the top of your tree to a wall or doorframe to reduce the risk of pets toppling it. If your cats are interested in climbing, you can also place tin foil around the base, under the tree skirt. If they step under the tree, the crackling noise may startle them away. Extension cords abound when Christmas lights go up. Both dogs and cats have the potential to chew these cords causing burns to the mouth and electrocution, so keep them out of reach.

Do have fun and include your pets in the holidays. Hang a stocking for your dog, wrap a new toy for your cat in catnip-scented paper, or have your pet's picture taken with Santa. You don't want to exclude these members of the family, just keep them safe.

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Campbellford Appearance-Travis Good, son of Bruce Good of the legendary Good Brothers, was at the Aron Cinema in Campbellford Thursday, Dec. 16th performing with The Sadies. The band was promoting its brand new CD entitled "Favourite Colours." Fronted by Travis and his brother Dallas, the Sadies featured a mish-mash of fiddles, guitars and down-home songwriting that produced a crowd-pleasing show. Before appearing in Campbellford, The Sadies toured Europe, Western Canada and the United States. Travis was also a special guest appearing with Bob Egan of Blue Rodeo earlier this year at the Aron Cinema. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Art of Inner Awareness



Tracy Collicott of Brighton is the newest Spirit of the Hills' artist featured at the Public Library in Campbellford. Her unique work will be on display until Jan. 5th and is well worth seeing. Tracy, who has been painting since 1991, says she is inspired by a spiritual inner awareness. Tracy's original oils and Limited Edition prints can be found in private collections and galleries throughout North America. More information on the artist is available through her website www.innervoicesart.com.



Flood paintings presented by city 400 prints will be sold

Peterborough - The City of Peterborough has formally presented the two paintings chosen to commemorate the Flood of July 2004.

"After the Flood", by John Climenhage and "Passing Storm" by Peer Christensen were selected from a group of submissions from local artists. The two

which suffered devastating losses from the flood this summer. As a further incentive to participate in this fundraising effort, anyone who purchases a print before Christmas will have their name entered in a draw for one of the original paintings, generously donated to this cause by the two artists.

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paintings have been reproduced and 100 of each have been reserved as thank you gifts to acknowledge the generosity of other communities, businesses, individuals and volunteers who contributed to the City's flood relief efforts.

The remaining 400 of each print will be sold to the public for \$25 each.

The proceeds of the sales will go to Artspace and The Peterborough Arts Umbrella, both of

The draw will be held at noon December 24th at City Hall.

Prints are available for sale at the Peterborough Public Library, the Peterborough Art Gallery, the Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives as well as the Community Services Department, City Hall. Local shops are also contributing to this endeavour - prints will be sold at the Cossar Art Centre, Speak Volumes, Van Allen O'Shea, Have You Seen, and The Hunter West Gallery.

Student exhibition helps African AIDS children

Peterborough - Art created by Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board high school students to raise funds for children affected by the AIDS epidemic in Africa was officially this week.

The Kids for Kids portfolio opened Dec. 15 at the David Bierk Studio, 383 George St. N., Peterborough. It includes the display of 50 works created by students throughout the Board, to raise funds for the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund in support of AIDS orphans in Africa.

The exhibition will remain on display at the Bierk Studio



Sounds of the season: Clarke Stanley and his Norwood District Public School band mates were in full festive sound during a special concert performance at the Community Care Diner's Club Christmas luncheon. The smooth-sounding ensemble added a nice musical touch to the occasion. Photo/Bill Freeman

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Rebels end 3-game losing streak by crushing Cobras



Strong Defensive Play—The Colborne Cobras press the attack but are well covered by Rebel defenders in Saturday night's junior C game in Campbellford. Goalie Jeff King watches closely as Derek Brown (8) and Evan King (15) bottle up the Colborne attackers. Photo/Rolly Ethier.

Campbellford—After dropping another tough, luck 6-5 decision at the hands of the Raiders in Napanee, Campbellford's struggling Rebels bounced back on home ice to bounce the Colborne Cobras 5-1 last Saturday night.

The loss in Napanee was Rebels' third in a row and like numerous others this season, coach Jim Peeling's squad deserved better fate. By the 12-minute mark of the opening period the Raiders held a vice-like 4-0

lead as the Rebels were simply dreadful in their own end.

Raiders scored directly off a faceoff for goal one and on the second a Napanee forward went to the net to outfox starting netminder Curtis Johnston at the lip of the crease.

Not pleased with Johnston's performance, Peeling replaced him with Jeff King. Instead of creating a rallying point the Rebs left King virtually defenceless for two more scores before Mike Banks re-

plied with a 12-footer in the last minute of period one.

From the opening faceoff of period two the Rebels took charge but goals were hard to come by until the visitors cashed in on a couple of Raider defensive lapses. It set the stage for a hectic final period in which the Raiders restored their two-goal margin early with the Rebels roaring back to tie it as first Brennan Tucket scored off a cross-ice pass on a power play. Then Nick Temple scored his

second, also on a power play in heavy traffic in front of the net.

Unfortunately for the Rebels, on the next line foray, T. H. George sped past rearguard Derek Brown to find the five hole for the game-winner.

Back on home ice Saturday, the Cobras were no match for the fast-moving Rebels as they turned in what was probably their most disciplined game of the season. The smallest crowd of the season saw former Rebel puckstopper Erik See turn in a sharp performance to keep the score respectable.

The checking trio of Jamie Bowman, Kevin Gourley and Craig Fleming opening the scoring off a Cobras turnover. Fleming redirected Bowman's 40-footer. In the second, the Rebels added a pair, first Joe Curry racing in alone short-handed to find the net and then winger Justin Loucks pumping in a laser over See's glove.

Goalie Jeff King recorded the Rebels' first win in three weeks.

Ice Chips: Rebel players held a closed door meeting after a practise session in order to get ready for the final half of the

Empire League season. Not taking stupid penalties was the first vow on their agenda... Coach Peeling was pleased with the players' initiative and hoped the team was about to "turn the corner". Rebels host the hard-charging Uxbridge Bruins Saturday night and if the game is anything like Campbellford's thrill-packed 3-2 overtime victory earlier this season it should be a dandy... Rebel players and team management extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to all their fans and all residents of Trent



Checking for the Puck—Campbellford Rebel goalie Jeff King checks to make sure the puck is on the outside of the net, rather than inside, in first period action Saturday night against the last-place Colborne Cobras. Defenceman Justin McConnell (3) of the Rebels guards the front of the net while the Cobras scramble for the loose puck. photo/Rolly Ethier

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Beautiful Signs of Christmas—Heather Rembosz of Silk and Dried Flowers in Whitby shows off a beautiful selection of Christmas wreaths and centrepieces. She was one of the many talented exhibitors displaying their unique product lines at the annual Christmas Show presented by the Northumberland Arts and Crafts Association. The show, staged at Campbellford District High School this year, introduced 10 new exhibitors and proved to be another successful presentation. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Checking His List—Jolly old Santa Claus made a special appearance at Old Mill Park following the annual parade.

He heard the kids' Christmas wish list and handed out bags of candy for a long lineup of youngsters. Three-year-old Nathan Casselman of Belleville was one of the kids who got up close and personal with the visitor from the North Pole. Photo/Rolly Ethier.



University game, Q & A panel will be highlight

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students. They will also answer questions.

Todd Murray, NDHS physical education head and Skills Academy co-ordinator, will also talk about the Norwood High program and what the school offers students. Other guests are also expected to be part of the information panel which should give university-bound athletes and hockey fans lots to mull over.

Coach Hughes has an exceptional reputation as a speaker and her presentations zero right in on questions student athletes need to ask about university sports programs.

Flyers providing details on all three Academy programs as well as the school in general will be available at the open house which takes place in the NDHS gymnasium. Posters announcing the game and open house are already being placed in arenas around the region.

Information will also be sent to every high school in the area.

"The big thing is to get the word out," says NDHS Principal Leigh Facey-Crowther.

At press time, Mr. Facey-Crowther was awaiting news from the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School board on funding related to the skills program. He was upbeat about the prospects.

"I feel pretty confident about it. They are certainly going to be talking about it Thursday."

The pilot program for grade six to eights has been an excellent test for the school and NDHS will continue to offer a co-ed preparatory HCSA program for elementary students from Norwood and Have-lock.

Both Mr. Facey-Crowther and instructor Albert Crowley have been more than pleased with the outcome of the pilot program.

"This brings a whole new perspective to the game," Mr. Crowley says.

Players are already taking the skills they have learned on and off the ice to their home teams and applying them in games, he says. And they are having a tonne of fun.

He adds that these youngsters now have a whole new

appreciation for the sport and athletics in general.

"If they stay in the program until grade 12 you'll get some good athletes."

The program accommodates students at all skill levels and has introduced the game to youth who might never have had the opportunity to play the sport, says Mr. Facey-Crowther. The HCSA curriculum follows the concept of "perfect practices."

"They see that there is a program for kids who just want to learn Canada's national game."

One girl in the program who had never played hockey before set a goal of making the NDHS girls hockey team and she did.

Local riding to receive infrastructure advance

Northumberland - Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland, has announced that residents of Brighton, Port Hope, Quinte West and Hamilton Township will benefit from renewed clean water infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities, and municipal roads thanks to a low-cost, long-term loan from the Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority (OSIFA).

"The announcement is good news for Northumberland and Quinte West," said Lou Rinaldi. "Investment in the renewal of clean water infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and municipal roads will go a long way to improving our community now and for future generations."

"Many Ontario municipalities need help with their infra-

structure renewal investments because of the high cost of long-term financing," said Finance Minister Greg Sorbara. "We have established OSIFA to provide low-cost, longer term loans that will help to grow strong Ontario communities."

Where the money goes

The \$3 million requested by Brighton would be used to renew clean water infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and municipal roads. The \$14 million requested by Port Hope would go to renew sewage treatment facilities while the \$3 million sought by Quinte West would be used to renew clean water infrastructure. And the \$3,500,000 requested by Hamilton Township plans to

use the \$3.5 million allocation to renew clean water infrastructure. OSIFA will enter into a financing agreement with Brighton, Port Hope, Quinte West and Hamilton Township, subject to technical and credit reviews, for a loan up to the maximum amount of the loan request. These loans have been approved in principal, but require municipal by-law has not yet been passed.

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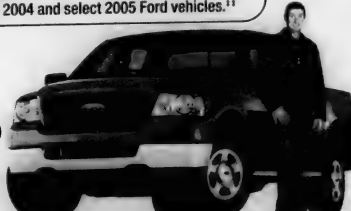
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Fire Academy donation lauded

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - The Eastern Ontario Fire Academy in Norwood has a much-needed CompAir filling station for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) thanks to a \$6,000 donation from the Hamilton Township Mutual Insurance Company in the memory of director William O'Grady and Scott Robinson, Fire Chief in Bewdley and member of the Fire Academy Board of Directors. The Academy had the compressor but didn't have the filling station, says Board Chair and Otonabee-South Monaghan Fire Chief Ted Bryan.

"There was a need," he adds. Now both Fleming College and volunteer firefighters from around eastern Ontario who train there will be able to fill their SCBA units at the Academy. "We greatly appreciate the donation," Mr. Bryan adds. "Scott and I were very good friends."

"Certainly when we found out about the opportunity we jumped right on it," says Hamilton Township Mutual general manager Bill Embree.

Mr. Embree says the new filling station will be a benefit to firefighters who use the academy and that translates into a benefit to the communities they serve.

The filling station and the memorial plaque were shown off to members of the Board Tuesday evening. Photo/Bill Freeman





Sports Regional

NAEC Senior Boys Volleyball squad posts successful season



Cloyne - Members of the North Addington Education Centre's Senior Boys Volleyball team enjoyed a successful year, finishing the season with a 22-2 win/loss ratio. Members of the team include: (rear, left to right), Rebecca Yanch, (coach), Matt Lessard, Brandon Dacuk, Daryl Scott, Josh McLachlin, Joe Delyea, Bryan Hitchcock, Mark Butler and Kati Parks, (assistant coach); (front, from left) Brad Robson, Corey Fortier, Mike Snider and Tommy Gaylord. - photo submitted

Cloyne - Congratulations to the Senior Boys Volleyball Team from North Addington Education Centre, (NAEC), on a terrific season. After a short but

intense season of league play, the boys ended in early November with a record of 22 wins and only two losses. On Nov. 9th NAEC hosted the Bay of Quinte League Tournament. With a sketchy start the boys split with the 8th place team in their league. The team managed to re-group and win the rest of the games to advance them to the semi-finals where the boys defeated Quinte Secondary. By advancing to the finals the seniors faced a very strong team from Quinte Christian High School. The boys lost their first set but rebounded to take the second set with a score of 26 to 24. They then won the third set with a score of 15 to 11 to successfully defend their title as Bay of Quinte League Champions.

After Bay of Quinte it was on to the COSSA "A" Championship Game, which was played against Quinte Christian High School. The boys came out very strong and won the first two games where Quinte then came back to win the third set. The team pulled themselves together and played a great match where they finally defeated Quinte Christian 27-25. That win allowed the boys to advance to Kanata where they would face France West in the East Regional Championship.

heading into the last part of the schedule and playoffs in January.

The Hornets hosted Stirling but came out on the short end of a 7 - 2 score. Drew Smith and Andrew Wiczorek scored while Chad Buchanan and Steve Book had assists.

The Hornets were in Campbellford Dec. 3 and came away with a convincing 8 - 3 win. Andrew Wiczorek scored four goals. Corey Leblanc had a pair while Adam Terry and James Brandon had singles. Brandon also had two assists while Tra-

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The boys from Cloyne would have to win this match in order to advance to OFSAA "A", which is an all Ontario tournament consisting of 16 teams from all around the province. The boys came out strong and defeated Franco West three games to none, in a best of 3 out of 5 match.

By winning the East Regional Championship NAEC's Senior Boys qualified for OFSAA on Manitoulin Island. The boys played two hard days of volleyball and ended up placing 10th in all of Ontario.

The Senior Boys also participated in the Loyalist College High School Boys Invitational tournament on Oct. 30th where they won the gold medal by easily defeating North Hastings High School two games straight.

The boys would like to thank the following businesses for their financial support of their trip to OFSAA: Hooks Homes, Grands General Store, Bence Motors, Clever Cuts, Fortier Logging, Northbrook Hotel, Tims Auto Body, Wannamakers Store, Nowell Motors, Bank of Montreal - Northbrook, Bishop Lake, Cloyne Home

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Vipers goalie cops OHA player honours



Tops in November - Norwood Vipers goalie Ryan Aschaber has won Ontario Hockey Association player of the month honours for November.

Nose to nose with the Whitby Dunlops for first place in the EOSH, the Vipers have built their team from the goal out and it has shown in a stingy goals against average.

Aschaber, a Peterborough native and Windsor Spitfire OHL grad, has allowed only 19 goals in 340 minutes of play this season for an impressive 2.11 GAA.

The Vipers are primed for three games in three days this weekend with tilts against Deseronto, Whitby and Kingston.

Aschaber shares goaltending duties with former Peterborough Petes goalie Mike Pickard who has been equally stingy between the pipes.

Peewee Colts bounce back with victory over Norwood Suffer loss to Tweed on home ice

Campbellford - The Campbellford Chrysler Pee Wee A Colts hosted a game with Tweed last Saturday, which goes down in the Colts' record book as one of the highest penalty games they have had. Between the two teams, 28 penalties were given out with the Colts getting the lion's share of them, leaving them playing shorthanded for much of the game.

Both teams came out strong in the first period as these rela-

tively evenly matched teams went head to head for the third time this season. Late in the first period Tweed got on the board but early in the second Colts Brad Beaudrie evened the count, assisted by Tyler Dunkley.

From that point on, the energy level on the ice was elevated as both teams were determined to get that go ahead goal.

As they entered the third period the score was still tied until

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Bantam AE's climb in standings

Asphodel-Norwood - The Andy Calder Excavating / L.L. Promotions have closed in on third place in their division after winning two of three games. That gives the team four wins in six so the AE's are finding some consistency.

A little more balanced attack and a much stronger effort in their own end have brought the Hornets to within 1 point of Brighton with two games in hand. And with captain Nick Orton getting close to returning from his foot injury, things look promising

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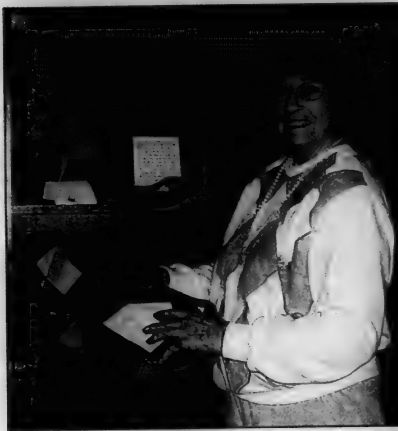
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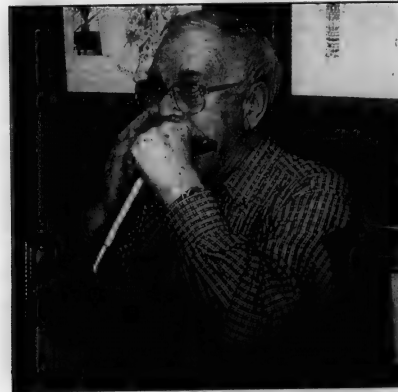
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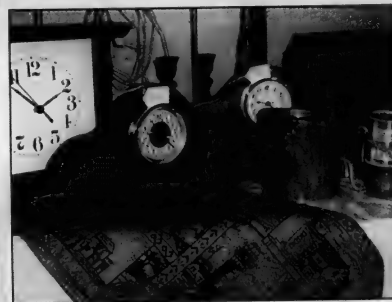
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The art of basket weaving lent to the evening of culture and art at the recent Comfort Country Christmas Arts & Cultural event. Brenda Crawford's blend of weaves are an intriguing portmanteau of culture and art.



The choices were interesting and with such variety and workmanship, many had their Christmas list almost scratched off.



Items were handcrafted with care.

Photo Left: The harmonica harmonized culture and art at the recent Comfort Country Christmas held at the Madoc Library and Cultural Centre.

A Local Hero - Eric Hailstone

Madoc - The Friends of the Library had never thought of running The Bookworm as a year round operation. They were grateful to have been able to get funding for a student for the summer months and things would have stayed that way if Eric Hailstone had not come into the picture.

In June of 2003, the Friends were looking for a donated space to use for the Bookworm.

They operated in the library for a month and then got word from Eric that he was willing to let them use his store on Durham Street.

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That generosity has continued through 2004 and the Friends remain very grateful and very aware of how lucky they are.

Eric is a plant lover and to show their gratitude the Friends took him to Little Shop of Flowers, where he chose a Christmas poinsettia and an unusual bromeliad as thank you gifts from the Friends.



It is because of the continued generosity and vision of Eric Hailstone that the Friends of the Library (FOL) have been able to continue the "BookWorm", a highly regarded second hand bookstore with a fresh clean outlook. Through this avenue the FOL have been able to significantly benefit the Madoc Library. The FOL and community recently showed their thanks to the man who has continued to further the community - Eric Hailstone.



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BRITTON - The family of the late William A. Britton would like to thank the Hastings Fire Department, the staff of the first floor of Campbellford Memorial Hospital and the staff of Kingston General Hospital for their kind considerate care of Bill during his brief illness. Our despair at his sudden passing was alleviated by the thoughtful condolences expressed by his friends and patrons of the Captain's Table Restaurant. Our sincere appreciation to Brett's Funeral Home, Hastings Legion Branch 106, the Ladies Auxiliary, Reverend Chuck Chainey and piper Jamie York.

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And with the holiday season just around the corner, may we extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from our house to yours.

God Bless you all.

"The Cook Clan"

CHATSON - I would like to express sincere thanks to my family and friends for attending my 90th Birthday Open House. I have also enjoyed the many cards and good wishes I have received. Alice Chatson

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They invite many of their friends, family and neighbors to join in on a potluck dinner and Caroling on Christmas Eve.

It has been a wonderful time for all. I know my family is joining again this year and we are looking forward to singing our hearts out, even though we really could not carry a tune in our pockets...

Thanks to the Crofts for keeping an Old Tradition Alive.

The Whitehead Family

Hornets, Hawks play to 3-3 draw

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - The Norwood Centennial Pharmacy-Home Hardware Bantam As played to a 3-3 draw, against Tweed in a fast-paced, end-to-end contest that saw lots of short shifts and quick decisions.

The Hawks opened the scoring 11 seconds in but Norwood replied 36 seconds later on a marker by Seamus McDougall from Thomas Teasdale and Eric Scriver. Tweed built up a 3-1 lead into the third but Norwood rallied on goals by Jon Darrington and McDougall. Also picking up assists were Chris Klompaker, Darrington and Pearce McIlmoyle.

NAEC Volleyball

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Hardware, Kenny Tebo and Greg Douglas.

They also extend thanks to all the parents and fans who supported them throughout the season, as well as Doug Leakey who accompanied the team as a male chaperon to Manitoulin Island. - submitted.

Bantam AE's climb in standings

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vis Barnett, Chad Buchanan, Clayton Leeming, Terry, Dalton Toms and Taylor Page all had single helpers.

In Brighton, Norwood took a 6-3 win. Andrew Wiczorek scored twice while Chad Buchanan, Taylor Page, Dalton Toms and Spencer Anderson fired singles. Corey Leblanc had two assists while Clayton Leeming, Toms, Adam Terry, Drew Smith, Anderson, Derek Wade and Steve Book added singles.

An open letter to Canada

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But, people in the past were foolish - we have science technology now. Just like we were saying about the econ in the year 2000.

Most current scientific studies conclude that homosexual a lifestyle choice influenced by environmental effects combined with a susceptible genetic disposition.

If that is true, we are on a path to granting equality right the first group of people in history who have chosen a particular lifestyle. None of the other tenants of discrimination (colour, religion, disability etc.) are so chosen. You don't to be all that visionary to realize that here is no end of discrimination down this road.

In summary, Mr. Prime Minister, I can only ask you to re this dangerous and divisive road, because we are creating ciety that is fundamentally incompatible with its roots. Th no way to heal that; one side or the other will either disap or be continually at war.

It reminds me of the NDP minister when the Sunday s ping debate was underway in Ontario. "I don't see what the problem is," she was quoted. "We've had no shopping la six months, and the province hasn't fallen apart."

It's that short-sightedness that scare me. No, society h crumbled yet, but how many people get hired today if they agree to work on Sunday? (That was to be protected, just li churches and marriage practitioners will be in today's homos marriage debacle.) And this debate on changing the funda tal framework of society makes the negatives of losing a f day over Sunday shopping look like a walk in the park.

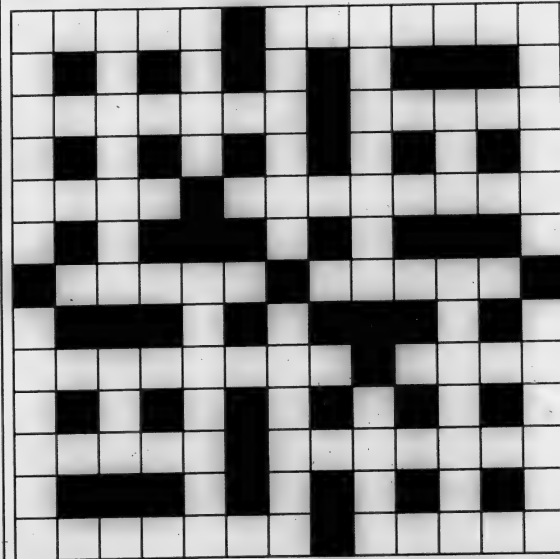
So goes the family, there goes society. You reap what you Choose to believe in gravity or not, but the truth is that v goes up, will someday come down.

Sincerely,
David Visser

Puzzle of the week

Alpha-Cross

The first letter of each answer is written next to its clue in alphabetical order. Can you find the words then fit them correctly into the grid?



- A. Response (6)
- R. Helped (8)
- B. Stringed instrument (5)
- B. Bangle (8)
- C. Type of salad (6)
- E. Level (4)
- H. Drag (4)
- I. In poor health (3)
- J. Field event (7)
- L. Departed (4)
- L. Large ship (5)
- N. Callow (5)
- N. Part of the nose (7)
- P. Cure all (7)

- P. Own (7)
- R. Fret (6)
- R. Denial (7)
- R. Raucous (5)
- S. Remuneration (6)
- S. Sagacious (7)
- S. Lacking depth (7)
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- Y. Tall story (4)

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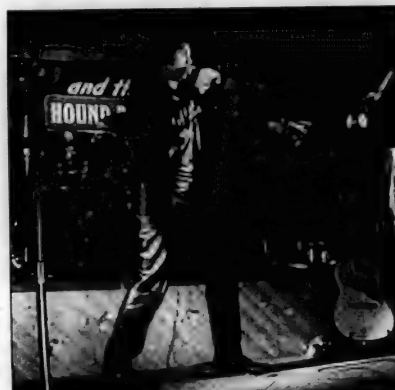
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Up close and personal - "Elvis" rocked the stage at the Madoc Kiwanis swooning even the non believers.



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From the songs of the fifties the gyrating singer took each stage of the King to his audience at Madoc.



The crowd went wild as Mike "E" & the Hounddogs performed on stage at the Kiwanis Centre at Madoc.



"Elvis" and the "Hounddogs" were a big hit. The King and his band received a standing ovation after the song "Hurt".



Like his hero, "Elvis" had a love affair with the audience. Like the international sensation, his sound and style, his diverse musical influences combined with talent, good looks, sensuality, charisma and good humour endeared him to his audience.

**Photos by
Correspondent Tessa Lowry**

Making Christmas: An Invitation

On Monday Dec. 20th at 2 p.m. Sebastian Sallans and his mom will be making music for the residents of Caressent Care, the nursing home in Marmora. Anyone who wishes to join in singing Christmas songs, enjoying Sebastian's fiddle playing and sharing in the music making is welcome. The residents particularly look forward to seeing young people at this time of year. Parents are encouraged to bring their children for a casual hour of "Making Christmas" in a way that really matters. Caressent Care Nursing Home is located at #58 Bursthall St. in Marmora, 613 472 3130. Inquiries may be directed to Jackie Fraser.

Visitors

My son has reached the age where he thinks he needs a girl to find heaven. Hot chocolate and the promise of a late night film don't do it for him anymore.

My son has reached the age

where he forgets to call once a week from his university dorm to tell me how his studies are going and what he wants for supper when he comes home at semester break.

My son has reached the age where his wife remembers to send school photos of the children every fall and calls ahead to announce the plans for Christmas vacation.

My son has reached the age where hot chocolate and staying up late to watch a film with his mother are memories that make his eyes wet and his wife asks him if he wants her to drive.

"My son?" the funny old woman cries out, clutching her stuffed dogs close while they wheel her out of the visitor's room and back to her bed. "My son," she says, remembering nothing of the visit from that middle aged man whose name she did not know and the gently smiling woman at his side.

When the woman leaned over to kiss her good bye, the grandma touched her cheek and whispered, "My son is a very good boy but he gets so mad when people put marshmallows in his chocolate." That's when the man put his arms around the grandma and kissed her goodbye as if they were very old friends. That's when the younger woman turned and saw her own face caught like a memory in the visiting room mirror.

The courage it takes to grow old: I don't know if I have it in me. Nor can I bring myself to ask my son, does he really want the marshmallows I always put in his chocolate.

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The stress arises in you as the result of your reaction to a situation. Everything can be a stressor: some experiences are "positive" stressors and you enjoy them. "Negative" stressors are the ones that upset you. Stressors can present a joy, an opportunity, a challenge, an annoyance, or a catastrophe.

If you feel that you are "stressed" all the time, that it's a way of life for you, get help now - because it's not going to let up any time soon, and it will probably have a bad effect on your health and family relationships.

There are various techniques for preventing your stress from becoming a problem. You can avoid the physical reactions, such as upset stomach, pounding heart, sweaty palms. You can overcome the anxiety, the loss of sleep and the tension. You can cope.

For a start, try exercising more often, have fun with friends, laugh a lot, find a way to put your concerns into proportion.

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Police officer overseas bonds with students

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Class project: It has been a team effort for this class of grade four students at Norwood District Public School who have built up a strong e-mail connection with Peterborough-Lakefield police officer Jeff Chartier who is stationed in Jordan where he is training Iraqi cadets.



Staying connected: Students surround Laurie Erratt as she reads the latest e-mails from police officer Jeff Chartier who is in Jordan training Iraqi cadets and volunteers to be police officers.



Fascinating lessons: Three Norwood District Public School students pour over the latest photos and dispatches from Jeff Chartier who is their e-mail buddy in Jordan. Const. Chartier of the Peterborough-Lakefield Police is training Iraqi cadets and volunteers to be police officers. Photos/Bill Freeman

police officers and peacekeepers in their war-riven country -- a difficult job for many reasons, not the least being the sad reality that these very same Iraqi volunteers are among the chief targets for death at the hands of insurgency forces in their home countries.

"Students have been concerned for Jeff's safety," Ms.

Erratt says.

But she says he has made it clear to her students that at "no time" has he been in danger.

"He's not personally involved in it," she says.

But that doesn't mean that Jordan, with a population of 5.3 million, does not experience fallout from the Iraqi war. Police instructors follow a strict

travel regime and were virtually locked down following the death of Yasser Arafat.

They also want to know how the war in Iraq has affected his teaching.

Const. Chartier told them that it does so "indirectly if it affects his students.

They don't know what they are returning to so it obviously has had a profound impact on some of them, he says.

"I am not threatened. There are very little concerns but precautions are being taken."

When Laurie learned that Const. Chartier was in Jordan she was able to get his e-mail address and since September the NDPS students have been keenly following his progress and learning more about a part of the world that is in the daily headlines but remains a strange and fascinating place.

Their first e-mail was filled with more than a dozen questions, Laurie says, and Const. Chartier sent back 14 responses.

"He took the time to talk about things like agriculture, living conditions, culture, animals and food," she says.

The students, for their part, continued to do research on their own to supplement the officer's replies and to prepare for their own follow-up letters.

"I am quite proud of them. They listen to the news now and read the papers. They are becoming more aware. It is amazing what they're picking up without even realizing it," Ms. Erratt says. "I am a little bit surprised but they are a bright bunch of kids. They are a curious bunch."

What they have been doing, she adds, falls into almost every category of their studies at NDPS -- from social studies and mathematics (they do monetary conversions) to habits and language.

Laurie says they have been particularly interested in wildlife and were amazed to learn that some people carried groceries in panniers strapped to donkeys.

"They are learning about the country and paying attention to (world issues). They also thought that only Americans are over there helping out."

The students are also "thrilled" that Const. Chartier will visit

the class sometime in January when he returns from the middle east.

When he returns from Jordan Ms. Erratt says he will be involved with the police K-9 unit. She expects that his police work in Canada will never be the same after his experiences with the cadets and his closeness to the war.

"It has been eye-opening for him. It is definitely a different culture. The thing he treasures the most is his freedom."

He told the students that in Canada children don't have to worry about being killed on the way to school, as some have been in Iraq.

"We take for granted (what we have in Canada)," says Ms. Erratt.

Water, which flows in abundance here, is a "precious resource" in Jordan, she says.

"Water is a big issue there."

Const. Chartier lives in an apartment complex with three other Canadian officers. Their water supply can be depleted in three to four days.

Among the things Const. Chartier and his fellow officers are teaching cadets to do is drive -- something that has not been as easy as they might have imagined. Driving for most of the volunteers is an entire-

Website for family farmers

Belleville: The future of family farms sits in the balance as Quinte area farmers try to find ways to sustain themselves. With all the risks facing small and midsize operators, they must be innovative and resourceful to continue their way of life. Students in the Loyola College E-Journalism program have documented these challenges in a new website launched Dec. 10th.

Called the new issues in Agriculture website, designed by the post-graduate E-Journalism students, its mission statement is to empower four county farmers by providing material and information relevant to the sustainability of the family farm and to develop an Internet based agricultural community.

ly new experience; added to that is the fact that they will be driving in extremely dangerous war zones.

He stresses that they are training these young volunteers to be police officers not soldiers.

Ms. Erratt and the class were especially touched by the fact that Const. Chartier managed to commemorate Remembrance Day in Amman with a moment of silence and small ceremony. This despite the severe lock down because of the death of Yasser Arafat.

And what does Const. Chartier miss most of all about Canada?

"Freedom, hospitality, family and friends. I don't miss the cold weather."

The website will have online sources for farmers, an agricultural message board, and stories on progressive issues for farmers. The focus is to build an online community for farmers in the area.

"With mad cow, factory farms and small farms going bankrupt, family farms are more in peril than ever before," said Professor Rob Washburn of Loyola. "It's really important, through what the students are doing that we're in discussion."

For further details, Professor Washburn can be reached at 613-391-1913, ext. 2157, or Lara Zubrzycki, business manager, at ext. 2171.

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The trauma of a Christmas when a loved one is missing



Symbol of Remembrance—Group members attending a Christmas bereavement program at the Palliative Care office in Campbellford light candles and recall the memories of loved ones. Christmas season is a particularly difficult time of year for an ever-growing number of people coping with the loss of family members. photo/Rolly Ethier.

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THIS WEEK'S FLYERS

(In Selected Areas)

- Kids at Christmas

By Rolly Ethier

Campbellford—Misty eyed and holding lighted candles in memory of loved ones that have passed away, members of the bereavement group recalled what Christmas was like in more joyous holiday times.

Attending a program at the Palliative Care office in Campbellford to deal with the emotional pain, they were connected by a common bond. The objective was to talk about their experiences, reminisce and try to get on through the Christmas season by summoning up the courage and determination to cope.

These men and women were sharing a common bond of grief at a time of year when the memories of happier times with their spouses and children made it

an almost unbearable emotional burden.

Actually a guest speaker from Peterborough, Lyle Horne, was scheduled to attend the session but he was forced to cancel because of icy road conditions. So

"With the holidays in full swing we wish we could confidently say you'll be able to breeze through it but we know that is not possible."

Leone White,
Administrative Assistant,
Palliative Care.

Administrative Assistant Leone White and administrator and co-ordinator Debra Nurse of Campbellford and District Palliative Care Service carried on with a very productive program for the appreciative group

members.

"Christmas has become somewhat stressful for nearly everyone these days let alone people dealing with a family death," said Ms. White. "They're reminded on all sides of happier times hearing carols constantly on the radio, shopping in bustling malls or even hearing the simple greetings of the season they get from others."

During the first Christmas following the death of a loved one people are generally in shock and now this year or even after two or three years, it might even be worse, she says.

There's an ever-growing number of people every year, particularly seniors, whose Christmas becomes more sensitive as a result of the memories of celebrat-

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385 RC Army Cadets Promotions and Awards

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc—The Army Cadets of Canada are based on a year program for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. The aim, explained Captain Matachekie, the recent Christmas dinner and promotions, is to provide leadership, citizenship, physical fitness and to stimulate interest in the Canadian forces.

"We are a youth program and the cadets are not subjected to any further military service," Captain Matachekie said. The 385 RC Army Cadets for Centre Hastings area said the uniforms were provided by the Department of National Defense, as well as a training plan with instructors at summer camps. "Everything else is accomplished with outside support and volunteers...the Kiwanis Club of Madoc provide us with this excellent facility as a home. With their generosity we would have no place to go...the Royal Canadian Legions of Madoc, Marmora and Tweed. It's the generous contributions that we are able to provide the cadets with all the things the military can't."

Royal Canadian Army Cadets offer youth challenge, friendship, as well as adventure. It offers young teens opportunity to expand their own horizons and contribute to the community and neighbouring communities. According to RCC website, many former Cadets credit their participation in the program with giving them a head start towards their successful careers. The site further, astronaut Cl Hadfield, Olympic biathlon gold medalist Myriam Bédard and actor Jim Carrey were all Cadets in their teens.

The Madoc, Marmora and Tweed Royal Canadian Legions each presented the 385 Army Cadets with sizable donations totalling \$4,500.00 during the recent banquet.

"I firmly believe that the surrounding communities this corps together. We have Cadets travelling from Belleville, Spring Brook, Marmora, Bancroft, Tweed and Plafeld. Community involvement is a big thing for us," Captain Matachekie said. The Cadets work very hard and commit a lot of time at what they do. "We assist in traffic control the Santa Claus Parades in all three towns; participate parking at the Madoc Fair; assist in the Poppy Drive; Remembrance Day Services, just to name a few."

Promotions

Promotions were presented to well deserving Cadets

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Novice Hornets dominate tourney

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood—Norwood's Jack Begg fuels novice Hornets topped all teams to capture the "A" of their home tourney Nov. 27.

The team opened against tough Baltimore coming away with a thrilling 3-2 come-from-behind win. Baltimore struck first but Norwood replied with a Mitchell Barr bullet, from Daniel Bennett and Joey Walsh. The Hornets took over in the third with Travis Stark standing tall in net. Goals by Walsh and Travis

Bennet iced the win. Picking up two assists was Ethan McDougall with a single to Jacob Cailes.

After a great pizza lunch, the team went back to work rolling over Napanee 7-2. Leading the way with two goals each were Daniel and Jacob Bennett with singles to Walsh, Barr, McDougall and Travis Bennett. Travis set up a pair of goals with single helpers to Barr, McDougall, Carly Elmhurst, Emma Smith, Walsh and Jacob. Karn

Dart showed a lot of jump going into the third period.

The final pitted Norwood against Peterborough with the Hornets prevailing 3-1.

Joey Walsh opened with an unassisted goal but Peterborough replied. There was no scoring in the second but Aidan Hillen, Mitchell Thompson and Kaleb Campbell showed their grit to keep the game even.

Norwood went ahead in the third on goals by Walsh and McDougall with Stark providing spectacular goaltending.

and Jon Darrington had one each.

Lobb made some key saves in a fast game against the Dukes. Scoring for Norwood were Eric Crowley, Christopoulos, Keegan Johnson, Jeremiah Oliver, Teas-

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Bantam Hornets chalk up three wins

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood—The Norwood Home Hardware Centennial Pharmacy Bantam A's added three more wins knocking off Percy 7-1, Douro 7-3 in exhibition play and Rice Lake 8-0 with David Lobb collect-

ing another shutout. James Moore and Pearce McIlmoyle struck twice against the Bulldogs with singles to Andrew Doman, Chris Klompaker and Alex Christopoulos. Two assists went to Christopoulos and Thomas Teasdale. Philip Heron

Bay of Quinte targets final actions in strategy for eco-system cleanup

Belleville—In 1985, the governments of Canada and the United States identified The Bay of Quinte as a pollution hotspot on the Great Lakes. A mix of toxic contaminants, bacterial, and nutrient overloads had led to great imbalances in the aquatic ecosystem of the Bay. Plant and animal diversity was being lost... habitats, especially wetlands were disappearing or seriously degraded... and risks to human health were possible.

Development was started

Something had to be done without delay. That same year, 1985, the development of a Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan (BQ-RAP) was started. A Coordinating Committee made up of federal and provincial ministries, and a Public Advisory Committee representing local, Bay of Quinte interests drafted an action plan (1993).

BQ-RAP has three distinct stages. Stage I - defining the problems; Stage II - recommending restoration actions and implementing them (known locally as "The Big Cleanup") and Stage III - enhanced monitoring to measure success.

BQ-RAP is in the final months of its current Five-Year Work Plan (2001-2005). A number of targeted actions have been taken to protect progress to date:

- protection of significant natural areas in partnership with municipalities and landowners (256 hectares of wetland have been successfully rehabilitated)
- restoration and protection of fish habitats (a Bay of Quinte Fish Habitat Management Plan has been developed)
- wildlife monitoring to track trends in environmental conditions via community volunteers (Communi-

nity Wildlife Monitoring Program)

- reduction of urban pollution to the Bay by implementing municipal pollution control planning studies (important achievements have been realized, including since 1990, a 50% reduction in phosphorus loads to the Bay from sewage treatment plants).

What cleanup action remains

A review of where the committee stands and what cleanup actions remain to be completed has just begun. This review will also include an anticipation of on-going monitoring needs.

The ultimate goal is to have the Bay removed from the list of pollution hotspots on the Great Lakes. In addition to completing Stage II actions, "monitoring, measuring and maintaining" will be the watchwords in Stage III of the BQ-RAP.

Ganaraska region on board in major protection program

Port Hope—Local Conservation Authorities, including Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) are gearing up for a program focusing on the long-term protection of drinking water sources for the Trent/Ganaraska Watershed Region. The province has announced that a total of \$13 million is to be provided to assist Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities

and their partners to initiate the preparation of source protection plans.

"Protecting water before it enters our treatment systems is the first step in making sure our drinking water is safe," said Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of the Environment.

GRCA, in partnership with the Crowe Valley, Lower Trent,

Kawartha Region and Ottonabee Region Conservation Authorities, will be directing the preparation of watershed-based source protection plans for the watershed region - a 15,000 square kilometre area stretching from Algonquin Park to Lake Ontario.

Lower Trent Conservation is the lead for the Trent/Ganaraska Watershed Region.

Letter to the editor

Arena is safe, don't rush to put up netting

Dear Editor:

I've read and heard a great deal in the media last week regarding Marie Switzer's concerns because her daughter was hit with a puck. While I'm certainly sorry to hear that her daughter was injured, I feel that Ms. Switzer is getting carried away with her concerns. Obviously she is not a hockey fan - and I feel one person should not be able to dictate to the thousands of others who are and how they

should watch this popular game. Will baseball be next?

I have been attending hockey games all my life including the last 25 years as season's ticket holders to the Peterborough Petes and now the Norwood Vipers' games and it has been extremely rare seeing a person hit with a puck. Not many considering the number of games I have seen. The risk is minimal in these arenas because of the

high glass. A side netting, especially, would affect seeing the game.

There are risks in this life and while they should be minimized I get the impression that Ms. Switzer would like to have her daughter wrapped in cotton batten. For anyone paying attention to the game, I feel that the Asphodel-Norwood Arena is a relatively safe place in which to be a spectator.

Further to the above, Ms. Switzer is probably a good person with good intentions for the safety of others. However, I hope she will realize we cannot go through life with a net in front of our faces and I hope Asphodel-Norwood Arena doesn't rush out to buy more netting.

Our creator has already designed the shape of our foreheads for just such emergencies as this. It worked... let us be thankful, and reasonable.

Terry Stephens
Warsaw



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Dennis Thompson releases "Old Favourites" to a new C.D.

Madoc's own Dennis Thompson, singer with the ecumenical Madoc Men's Chorus, the Trinity United Church Choristers, and well known area musician has released a new C.D. called "Old Favourites" - just in time for Christmas gift giving. Featuring spiritual songs such as "In the Garden", The Lord's prayer, all accompanied by Ron Moffatt on piano and organ, the C.D. is a real tribute to God and a statement of faith sung by a man who truly believes and who prays before singing each song that the song will glorify God. Believing that God speaks through music, musicians, and in many mysterious ways, Trinity United finds that people's lives are changed as a result of the scriptures and spiritual messages that are divinely captured by the song writers and then sung to the glory of God. Trinity thanks God for the music ministry of Trio, solo, duets, quartets, choristers, all under the direction of Ron Moffatt and Norma Sedgwick-Taylor.

Dennis, originally from Bristol England, started singing in England at age 8 with a duet by his brother Stuart at St. Giles in the Wood, during the war years. His first solo "We Three Kings" captured the hearts of many and Dennis continued to sing, coming to Canada in 1977, where his first solo in Canada was "the Holy City" sung at First Baptist Church in Port Hope in 1978. Dennis has sung in various church choirs including the Madoc Anglican Church where his brother - the Rev. Jim Thompson served for many years. A retired book binder having created and bound books for such notables as The Royal Family, and Harold Bailey upon retirement, Dennis trained in England, and worked in Smiths Falls and Madoc until retirement where he continues to bind books at the Book Worm, lawn bowl, sing, and provide prayer support for the Trinity Team Ministry.

The C.D. created by Michael Parrington and his Peterborough company Event Digital Production is available at Trinity United Church, or from Ron Moffatt and Dennis Thompson, and the proceeds are for Trinity restoration. Most recently Trinity restoration, under the direction of Wayne Hagerman, included repairing windows, and trim, installing electric cables to prevent ice build up, capping chimneys, re-pointing bricks, reinforcing the attic, cleaning the ceiling fans. As well the Trinity Choristers and some community folks installed an entirely new sound and speaker system that is fantastic and allows one to hear from any point in the church. In 2005, God-willing, Trinity

hopes to address the interior of the sanctuary - in particular the plaster damage and need for a paint job, so purchasing this C.D. will provide spiritual nourishment and repairs at Trinity. Trinity also acknowledges and thanks the many who support our church by praying, smiling, baking, singing, leading, teaching, repairing, preparing/delivering meals, and by continued financial support. As well, "yours truly" is donating one month's salary to Trinity as an act of stewardship and taking the month of January off without pay, but continuing to provide funeral and pastoral care coverage. Anyone who wants to do a similar act of kindness and stewardship by donating a month's salary or any amount to Trinity restoration for a paint job and tune up is certainly welcome, and challenged to do so. After all, money is a symbol of God's generosity and an opportunity to create a better world, or in this case, paint the church. When we die we can't take it with us! As this new year 2005 unfolds to God's glory may we all find a spiritual home, grow in our relationship with God, and may our church givings reflect our thanksgiving to a very generous God.

In my January absence from Trinity; guest speakers Myrna Pringle (Jan 9); Colin and Pat Moore (Jan 16) and Marilyn Richardson (Jan 23) will be conducting worship and all are welcome. Just a reminder that our church services are however cancelled on Dec. 26 and Jan 2 so that our whole team ministry can have time with their family. We are, however just a phone call away and would be delighted to hear from you!!



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The Wildcats BB Bantam Girls hockey team has been busy. On Dec.3, they ventured to Belleville to play the BB Bantam Bear Cats, and tied with a score of 2-2. Both goals were scored by #7 Ragan Danford.

On Dec. 4, they traveled to Port Hope and won that game with a score of 1-0.

On Dec. 11, the girls went to Napanee to play but were only able to play one period because of a malfunction with their compressor. That game will be rescheduled.

On Dec. 12, they went to Lindsay, #23 Chelsea Webster, assisted by both #7 Ragan and #6 Riley Danford, scored the first goal of the game during the first period.

Lindsay retaliated and in the third scored two goals. With only one minute and fifteen seconds left in the game and our girls prepared for a power play,

a time curfew was called and the game ended there with a score of 2-1 Lindsay. All of the girls have played with skill and confidence and have lost or won the majority of the games by only one goal.

Keep up the excellent work girls! The girls have been working hard at selling raffle tickets and the draws will be that night. There is a great variety of prizes. Come on out and support the girls and buy some tickets.

You could be a lucky winner!



Photo Right: The Wildcats recent games have seen one tie with Belleville; one loss with Lindsay and a win with Port Hope. They have been skating hard; playing good games.



The Wildcats screamed one goal into the Lindsay net in the first period. Near the end of the game, the Wildcats were behind only. With only a minute left in the game, they put the pressure on power play, but the clock stopped the girls from making the tie.



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Christmas is almost here

Are you looking forward to a happy, upbeat, family kind of Christmas this year?

Or, are you like so many today, away from home, or without a home or family. The warmth, tradition and joy of the traditional Christmas are not really something you are excited about this year.

Well, here's one thing that each of the individuals in the above scenarios might want to remember.

Christmas

*Long before the tree, the goose, the pies, and good cheer;
long before the exchanging of gifts,
and homecomings we now hold so dear;*

*Was a time of simple things, of celebration, of birth,
A time when mankind welcomed the baby Jesus to earth.
His coming was God's promise, Brought home to us all,
That whenever we stumbled, He'd catch us before we fall.*

*So if you are rich, or if you are poor,
God gave us the key, To enter Heaven's door.*

*The gift was Jesus, the baby, the man, the Son,
With him by our side, the battle we've won.*

Whether you spend your time coming up to the Christmas season in frantic shopping, a constant whirl of social events, attending all the various celebrations for your children, through Church and through school, or quietly waiting to hear if your loved one's can make it home this year, try to take some time to reflect on the beginnings of the Christmas, and enjoy this time of year for the simple pleasures. The clean snow, the fresh crisp air, the rosy cheeks on the children. Take the time to bring a smile to another's life, through little thoughtful things; a baked dish, a hand made item, a personal card, or a letter to someone far away.

Each of us occasionally thinks, "Oh, poor me, I can't afford, I don't have time, no one seems to care."

The cure for each of these complaints is to simply go ahead and give to those around you of yourself. The complaints will just fade away, and you will have discovered the true "Spirit of Christmas."

Backwa Beaver

EITHER YOU
KIDS START
ACTING MORE LIKE
CHRISTIANS
OR YOUR MOTHER
AND I ARE
CANCELLING
CHRISTMAS



Letters to the editor

Same Sex Marriage Versus Our Failing Planet

What issue deserves the airtime? Here's a suggestion. Why don't we spend all of our priceless time, arguing about whether or not two people in love, deserve any rights to God and church - while in the meantime, we can let companies and politics destroy our environment. If only the public, the church, the media and the state would rally for Mother Nature the way they have over same sex marriage. I will tell you this - neither the Catholic nor Pentecostal church would marry my husband and I - we found an alternate means of marrying, and life went on. Life does not go on when humans run out of fresh drinking water. Life does not go on when global warming completely alters everything that we have come to expect from our ecosystems. Life does not go on when we can't feed the people. If God were holding our life choices in a balance, what side would be heavy for him? His gift to us was free will - every single one of us, regardless of race, religion or sexual preference. His gift to us was our planet and its masterful animal creations. I can only hope and pray that my children will enjoy both of these gifts as they grow older.

Paula J. Cassidy
Thomasburg, Ontario

Adequate library and arena

I believe anyone looking at a community for a future home will check to see if there is an adequate library and arena. If one is lacking, the community is lacking," said an active Marmora Public Library patron.

Past and present staff, Board members, local citizens, municipalities and organizations have contributed in many different ways. At the top of the list is The Friends of Marmora Library.

Without their years of efforts one does wonder just where the Library would be today. Retired Librarian, the late Ruby McCoy, worked tirelessly to form The Friends who then jumped right into fundraising for improvements.

From 1996 to 2000 The Friends held dances, a road toll, a musical talent night, variety of draws for donated items, sold used books in Library (Friends are still doing this), held Ploughmen's Luncheons, chili luncheon, raffles, made Christmas decorations for sale.

They donated the "Listening Centre", a computer chair for Librarian, educational CD-Rom "Parliament Hill", steel book shelves (\$1,810.10) bought huge number of books, paid cost of part-time student employees, 20 stacking chairs for the downstairs, a paper cutter, \$2,300 for computer software, had new shelves built for their corner. In 1999 The Friends provided funds for a storage area to be built in the lower floor of the library addition.

Donations from individuals

and organizations: additional furniture for children's section, bookcases @ \$250, shelves @ \$75, bricks for extension @ \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5, Time Capsule (buried in February 1997), easels for displaying crafts, two children's rockers, in-memoriam books.

Library Improvement Committee (Bonnie Danes, Wilma Bush, Andre Philpot, Bob Drummond, Morris McCaul, Syd Perkin, Helen Perkin and Vera Wylie) began extension of the Library in 1996 - donations were received from The Royal Canadian Legion Marmora Br. #237, Marmora Figure Skating Club, Marmora Historical Foundation, Women's Institute, Marmora Red Cross, Marmora & District Lions, Marmora and District Lioness Club, and Junior Achievers, etc.

The Board received a grant to begin the Community Access Project in 1997 (committee members - Wilma Bush, Judy Backus, Frank Mills, George Foster, Anne Philpot, Mike Gagnon and Randy Vlnoff) and with assistance from the municipalities and local groups two comput-

ers were installed. Students were hired by The Friends to install programs and work with patrons. Marmora was one of the lead communities in getting CAP started.

The Board also accepted donations to the Library's Enhancement Fund, held Breathing Exercise and Nutrition programs, sold garbage bag tags, a furnace was installed, bell installed in the large tower, wall was opened up to new addition, etc., etc.

The Village finished off the new basement with drywall, proper wiring, ceiling and flooring as well as doing renovations to old part of library with new carpet, painted walls and ceiling running through entire library.

In 1998 a new photo copier was installed; 1999 saw the Deloro Library receive its own computer courtesy of a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation.

Improvements have continued and the public is still generous. We can, and should, be very proud of our up-to-date facility which is so important to our community. Please support The Friends of Marmora Library!

Hard to read

I enjoy some of the parts of your newspaper which I am able to read. However, my aging eyes have simply too much difficulty with those articles which are in some unusual subdued font and the black type set in blue on this weeks front page.

If the newspaper continues to be too difficult to read, I shall no longer be picking it up...

A Engel

Thank you for your comments, Mr. Engel. I will pass it on to our designers and we will endeavour to make it easier for you to read.

Thank you,
David Visser
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It was about six o'clock in the morning. This very special morning as young Dorly stood wide eyed in the middle of the room. There was no need to wipe away the sleepiness of the sandman from the night's slumber. The sight of the train at the station, with its lights illuminating every passenger car, was more than enough to light

A Christmas Memory

up any young boy's life.

After staring at the engine and coal car for a few minutes, Dorly ran to tell his younger brother.

"Come and have a look," said Dorly. "You won't believe it, come and see."

His younger brother, Donnie, joined him and he stood in awe of the sight that greeted them.

"It's the most beautiful train I've ever seen," said Dorly. "Me too," said Donnie.

Soon their father came out of his bedroom, rubbing his eyes, and with a big yawn said, "Do you kids know what time

it is? Why it's just past six in the morning."

Moments later mother was up and their sister Elaine stretching as far and as high as she could, appeared in the doorway.

"Morning everybody. What time is it? Wow, has that train got lights on it?" asked Elaine.

"Okay kids," said mum, "let's get our beds made and then we can open our presents."

This very special morning was Christmas morning. The train was a Lionel Coachman, placed around the trunk of the Christmas tree. The train, finished in a dark green colour had a black engine car and three coach cars, with a reddish-orange caboose. The year was 1947.

It wasn't until all the kids and dad had a turn at the controls that the stockings and other gifts

were even touched.

The memory of that Christmas almost sixty years ago with the sight of that train - lights and all, renews itself every year when it's time to decorate the tree. As good as the tree looks, there's something missing. It's that Lionel train and the way dad had it set up just exactly right!

Dad has been gone for a good number of years now, but every Christmas I can hear him calling, "All Aboard!" and I board that old Lionel for a trip back in time.

For a few brief moments every year, as I stand in front of my own Christmas tree, it's 1947 once again and I secretly whisper, "Thanks for the train, dad... thanks for the memory!"

Merry Christmas and happy memories to everyone!
.....AND SO IT GOES!

The Gift of Love

By Rev. Jean Brown

As Christmas approaches, let us remember God's gift of love given freely to all people. Perhaps this paraphrase of the Biblical passage 1 Corinthians chapter 13, verses 1-13 found on Rev. Richard Fairchild's web site and shared by permission will provide some insight on God's gift of love.

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust.

But giving the gift of love will endure.
The gift of love will endure.
Indeed - that is what Christmas is all about -
the gift of love.

New Years Resolutions for Healthy Living - New Program Offered to Seniors in Madoc

By L.J. Jackson



Madoc - A new program is coming to town partnered with Community Care and St. John's Anglican Church. It's a chance to make those New Year's resolutions come true with a Health and Wellness Club beginning on Thursday, January 6th 2005. Line Dancing in the morning and Shuffleboard in the afternoon and gather with a social time and a delicious meal. In the photo: Line Dance Instructor Carol Cooper with Sharon Mindle Coordinator of Client Services.

Madoc - There is a new program in Madoc that might just help with those New Year's resolutions of a healthier you and an active lifestyle. Linda Huddleston, Community Relations Coordinator for Community Care for Central Hastings stated, "In the new year we will be starting a new program for Community Care in partnership with St. John's Anglican Church. The Health and Wellness Club will begin on Thursday, January 6th."

The program offers a morning of Line Dancing and an afternoon of Shuffleboard. It is believed that shuffleboard had its beginnings in the 13th Century England. Since that time it has

been enjoyed in its various incarnations as a relaxing, yet challenging sport.

Line Dancing enthusiasts have called the dance, "chicken soup for the country soul". Research shows that line dancing may have evolved from the old "Contra" dances that were popular in the 1800's. Two lines would form, men on one side, women on the other. Partners would join between the two lines and generally do their own routine down the middle. The "Stroll" from back in the 1940's is a good example of this style of dance. John Travolta danced the "Stroll" in the movie, "Grease".

The form of line dancing today started in the 1970's with a country western style. Betty Danford is the Line Dance Instructor for the new program coming to Madoc. It promises to be a great way towards a healthier lifestyle as well as an active and fun social time. Linda Huddleston suggests, adding that it is also affordable for meager incomes.

Community Care for Central Hastings provides programs and services to assist seniors and adults with physical disabilities to reside in their own homes and improve their quality of life.

Meals on Wheels - offers a delicious home cooked hot meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteer drivers make an effort to deliver meals as close to noon as possible. Special diets can be accommodated.

Friendly Visiting - is a service that provides "Friendly Visits" by a volunteer on a one-to-one basis with an isolated senior, physically disabled adult or person with Alzheimer disease on a regular basis.

Reassurance Calls - this program ensures the well being and safety of clients. There is no charge for this service. Calls are made by volunteers on a regular basis.

Street Question of the week

What do you like most about Christmas?



I have six sons, 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren and I like being all together over Christmas.
Garnet Brownson Marmora



How much the kids enjoy it. I love to see the wonder in them, they've still got it, and the memories we are making for them.
Cindy Klotz Tweed



"Best part of Christmas for me is spending time with my family, smelling the roasting turkey and anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa."
Jody Summers Campbellford



"I look forward to visiting my mother's home in Menie on Petherick's Road. This always brings back so many wonderful memories of growing up. I love spending time with my own family as well because job pressures don't always allow you the time to do that. But I really enjoy reminiscing about those happy Christmas times when you lived at home."
Marilyn Linn Campbellford

Frozen Meals for Seniors - these frozen meals are delivered ready for the freezer. No preparation is needed, reheating instructions are marked clearly. Frozen Meals can be delivered with meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Diner's Club - Enjoy a home made nutritious meal, social activities and meet new and old friends. Join the Diners Club on the 4th Wednesday of each month at St. John's Anglican Church Parish Hall, 115 Durham St. North. Lunch begins at noon.

Transportation - Volunteer drivers are available for local and long distance trips to medical, dental appointments for those who qualify. Contact the office regarding rates and fees.

Blood Pressure Clinics - Regular monthly monitoring of your blood pressure in a comfortable and friendly setting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon at the Seniors Apartment Building 47 Wellington St.

Income Tax Preparation - Volunteers complete annual income tax returns for seniors on a basis pension.

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Prices for dairy products will increase by Feb. 1st

OTTAWA—The Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC) has announced that, effective February 1, 2005, the support price for skim milk powder will increase from \$5.3928 to \$5.7282 per kilogram. In addition, the support price for butter, will go from \$6.2968 to \$6.8695 per

kilogram.

Support prices are the prices at which the CDC buys and sells butter and skim milk powder to balance seasonal supply and demand changes on the domestic market. Support prices are also used as references by provincial marketing boards to price milk

sold to processors who manufacture dairy products such as butter, skim milk powder, cheese, yogurt and ice cream.

For dairy producers, the higher support prices should translate into a price increase of 3.34 ¢ per litre for industrial milk, or 5.2 percent. Also included in the new support prices is an add-on of 1.66 ¢ per litre to offset some of the negative impacts of the BSE crisis on farms. Dairy farmers should therefore receive an increase of 5 ¢ per litre, or 7.8 percent. At the next pricing review in December 2005, the need for this add-on will be re-evaluated.

"This increase achieves the two goals we had this year. The first was to have support prices that cover the cost of production of nearly 50 percent of Canadian dairy farmers. Our second goal was to assist producers in dealing with the financial consequences of the BSE crisis," explained CDC

Chairman, John Core.

The assumed processor margin will increase by 3.9 percent, or 0.354 ¢ per litre. The assumed processor margin represents the estimated costs of processing one litre of milk into butter and skim milk powder. A study commissioned by the CDC justifies this increase.

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The market impact of the increase will be influenced by many factors such as its implementation by the provinces, as well as manufacturing, transportation, distribution and packaging costs throughout the supply chain.

The Canadian Dairy Commission, a federal Crown corporation created in 1966, is a key facilitator within the Canadian dairy sector. The CDC helps design, implement, and administer policies and programs to address dairy producer and processor needs.

It is mandated to provide efficient dairy producers with the opportunity to get a fair return on their labour and investment, and to ensure that Canadian consumers are provided with adequate supplies of quality dairy products.

Applications being accepted from landowners for trees

Don Mills, Ont.—Trees Ontario (TO), through the Forest 2020 Program, is seeking Eastern Ontario landowners who wish to have trees planted on their property during the spring of 2005.

To qualify, the area available for planting must be two hectares (roughly 5 acres) or more in size. The program will focus on planting abandoned and underutilized farmland which has been relatively tree-less for at least the past 12 years.

"Forest 2020 offers qualified landowners an approximately 75 per cent reduction in the cost of planting and tending as well as technical support to ensure a successful planting," said Anne Koven of the Trees Ontario Foundation. "Our target is to plant 1,200 hectares of land in Ontario this spring, focusing on abandoned or underutilized farmland."

TO, along with Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service, Conservation Ontario, the Ontario Forestry Association and other partners have launched the Forest 2020 Plantation Demonstration and Assessment Initiative, a program that provides financial assistance to landowners for tree planting.

The TO program offer is available to private landowners, and is designed to encourage the planting of trees on underutilized lands at a fraction of the

normal costs. The inexpensive planting will be undertaken in exchange for landowners maintaining and managing the trees for at least 15 years, and agreeing that any carbon credits associated with the trees planted will be applied towards reducing Canada's greenhouse gas emissions under Kyoto.

TO will provide to selected landowners:

- a site visit and assessment
- suitable trees
- site preparation
- professional planting of trees
- tending within the first year of plantation establishment

Private landowners are encouraged to contact TO as soon as possible to reserve their trees for next year as the number of trees and species are limited.

The Forest 2020 program was developed to help with Canada's Kyoto Protocol commitment to reduce its Green House Gas (GHG) emissions to six percent below 1990 levels by the period between 2008 and 2012. Trees store carbon in their fiber and help reduce GHGs in the environment.

For more information contact: Anne Koven or James Fieldhouse @ the Trees Ontario Foundation toll-free number 1-800-387-0790. Additional details can be found @ the Trees Ontario Foundation website - www.treesontario.on.ca

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December 14, 2004

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Stocker 400-600 lbs.	.60 - 1.15	1.23
Steers 600-800 lbs.	.59 - .99	1.04
800-1000 lbs.	.57 - .82	85-1/2
Stocker 400-600 lbs.	.59 - .97	1.04
Heifers 600-800 lbs.	.52 - .82	.83
Cows	.5 - .20	21-1/2
Bulls	.14 - .24	.25
Springer Cows	\$260 - \$650	\$885
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Former Country Canada featured conference speaker

Guelph—On Jan. 15th, leading speakers from around the world will gather in Guelph to continue the tradition of providing leading edge information to Ontario farmers. Since its inception seven years ago, the Farm Smart Agricultural Conference has grown in both quantity and quality.

"We have added even more sessions to our agenda this year," commented conference organizer Julia Williams. "With all of the current issues facing Ontario agriculture, it was difficult to keep it from expanding."

Few Canadians have had the opportunities that this year's feature speaker has to explore the many faces of Canadian agriculture. As host of CBC Television's Country Canada for 25 years, Sandy Cushon brought not only images of the industry, but the people

as well into homes across the country.

"I have told people that if I had a million dollars, I would probably pay to go and see the places, and meet the people that I have met as part of my job," said Sandy. "It has been so much fun." Cushon was born and raised on the family farm near Oxbow, Saskatchewan.

He graduated from Carleton University in 1969. Following graduation, Cushon worked for two years with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture as information officer and joined the CBC in the fall of 1972. Sandy retired from Country Canada in 2000.

Farm Smart 2005 will feature 50 sessions ranging from computer labs to crop updates to the latest information on BSE. It has something for everyone involved in Ontario agriculture, from students to those

planning for retirement. Join both local and international presenters for an information packed day that will make a difference to the farm.

Farm Smart is organized jointly by the Golden Horseshoe and Heartland Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Associations, the Ontario Agricultural College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Agribusiness. Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the final session finishes at 4:30 p.m. Participants are able to set their own agendas for the day as they pick and choose from 60 timely topics held over seven time slots. Several sessions qualify for CCA CEU credits.

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Lifestyles

Society enjoys bountiful Christmas pot-luck dinner

By Madeline Simpson

The Campbellford and District Horticultural Society held its annual Christmas Pot Luck Dec. 6th at Jenkin's Hall. Seven long tables were set out for diners and were tastefully decorated with arrangements brought by members.

Missing from the large group was a faithful member of the social committee—Dorothy Bennett, due to ill health. For many years she has been constant in her duties. Willing hands filled in for her. The membership wishes her a speedy recovery.

After grace was pronounced by Rose Odell, members enjoyed the bountiful repast.

President Marg Dooher reported that a web site for the OHA would be established. A meeting will be held on this March 5, 2005. A member from the Society will attend.

Nancy Boivin gave her year-end report. The Society made a donation of a bench to be set up in the spring at the entrance to the Suspension Bridge and also presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the Municipality to help defray costs for the enhancement of the entrance to the Suspension Bridge. Money was also used to buy prizes for participants in the mini-show, and the photography contest.

Glen Bennett announced that the Photography Contest would not be held in 2005, since he felt interest had waned. He has made provision for photos to be entered into the mini-show each month. He also gave the results of the November contest. In the judge's choice category, the winner was Mary Weilandt, with Hilda Kalweit runner-up and Fern Davidson placing third.

In overall points, Dorothy Thompson led the way with Nancy Boivin and Madeline Simpson tying for second and Glen Bennett third.

The top eight in the mini-show competition received amaryllis bulbs. They were 1. Diane Francisco, 2. Lemoine Hodge, 3. Dorothy Thompson, 4. Time



Horticultural Generosity—Horticultural Society president Marg Dooher (left) and treasurer Nancy Boivin turn over cheques to Mayor Hector Macmillan. The money is to be used for a new bench and enhancements at the entrance of the new Ranney Gore Suspension Bridge. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Lisle, 5. Fern Davidson, 6. Marg Dooher, 7. Hilda Kalweit, 8. Marina Botsford. The middle group received a dozen tulip bulbs. They are: Robert Lisle, Helen Clarke and Muriel Godden. Three narcissus bulbs went to the lower contributors.

The slate of new officers for 2005 were presented as follows: Past President, Marg Dooher; President, Rose Odell; 1st Vice-President, Elaine Govier; 2nd Vice-President, Bonnie Nabb; Secretary, Jean Tilney; Treasurer Nancy Boivin; First year directors: Dorothy Bennett, Helen Evergreen, Mary Lynn Beckford, Glen Bennett, Marion de Lint and Diane Francisco. Second year directors: Dorothy Thompson, Mary Weilandt and Lemoine Hodge. Publicist is Madeline Simpson.

The 2005 executive meeting will be held Jan. 7th and the general meeting on Feb. 7th.

Kissing Ball Creation

Speaker for the evening was Caroline Glenn from Graham's Florists. She had on display a Kissing Ball, and proceeded to show the membership how to make one.

She started with a dark green styrofoam ball, slightly smaller than a basketball. This she bought for \$15 at a Lewiscraft shop in the Belleville Mall. With a curtain hook she punched it

full of holes. A wire (18 inches) was inserted through the centre until it protruded at the bottom, leaving an equal length of wire at each end.

The two ends were joined at the top of the ball, and twisted tightly. Through the loop, inset a wide hanging red ribbon. Using either spruce boughs or balsam, cut off the tips of the same length, peel the needles from the ends and holding the ends firmly stick them in the holes already prepared in the ball.

Starting at the top and continuing around the ball, twist the twigs so that they face in different directions and fill all the holes so that no spaces are left, and the ball is compact. It may take two hours to complete. Caroline prefers to use balsam twigs as they are easier on the fingers. Decorate the completed ball with red loops wired on a stick, placed at intervals. The kissing ball can now be hung by its red ribbon.

Her second demonstration was a Christmas Tree centrepiece. In a small flowerpot she placed a block of oasis, trimming the sides of it with a sharp knife, tapering toward the top so that it resembles the shape of a tree. Wet the oasis. Using B. C. Douglas fir, she pushed in short twigs at the top, graduating to longer ones as she moved downward. Peel off the needles at the end

fect. This tree is about 12 inches high and makes a lovely centrepiece. Four to five Douglas Fir branches are required for one tree and they can be purchased at most florists or nurseries for about \$12.

Glenn thanked Caroline for a wonderful presentation and her audience also showed their approval. A draw was held for

the centrepiece and Lois Bennett was the lucky winner.

Lois gave a report for the mini-show of 21 entries. "A Christmas Decoration" of recycled materials and natural items with accessories. "Deck the Halls" wall hanging. Choice of Materials. "Cheer a design in a wine glass and Christmas Arrangement" using one or more candles.



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Player of the Month—Empire League junior C convenor Trevor Tinney bestows well-deserved recognition to Phil Darrington of the Campbellford Rebels last Saturday before the home game against the Uxbridge Bruins. Darrington, named OHA Player of the Month for November, was tied for the top spot in Empire League scoring. Noted as a natural goal scorer, Phil fired 14 goals and added seven assists for 21 points in just the 18-year-old winger is in his third season of play with the Rebels, Empire League champions the past two years. photo/Rolly Ethier.

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Six Vipers to all star game

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood—Six Norwood Vipers will suit up for the 2004 Eastern Ontario Senior Hockey League all star game in Belleville Dec. 29.

League-leading goalie Ryan Aschaber and captain Dave Stewart will be joined by Adam Bernard, Shane Dow and assistant captains Dave Lorentz and Chad Birkhof who is also the team's top scorer. No team will have more players in the showcase event than the J.J. Stewart

Motors Vipers.

"It says a lot about our team," Assistant Coach Steve Gatzos says of the selection. "We could probably send most of our team -- they all give good efforts and they are all really good players."

He says it is good that representatives from all EOSH teams will be in Belleville.

"I think it is going to be a good thing for the league to showcase its top players. It should be a fun evening."

Blues Keep Finding the Net

The Stirling Financial Centre Bantam Blues travelled to Napanee for an exhibition game and came up with a whopping 12-3 win.

Goals came from Brad Thompspon with a hat trick, Matt Heidstra (2), Eric Guthrie (2) Alex Shearer (2), Michael Middleton, Kristina Dafoe and Kole Abbott. Assists from Rylan

Decorato (3), Guthrie, Abbott, Heidstra, Shearer (3), Thompspon and Cam Lawrence.

The team played Lakefield on Saturday night and skated to a 2-1 victory. Eric Guthrie and Cam Lawrence scored for Stirling. With Brad Thompson, Tyler Decorato, Matt Heidstra and Lawrence supplying the assists.

Bowling the Trent Valley Lanes

Tuesday Club 55 Phs
(As of Dec. 7th)

Series Leaders—The Kickers, 32; C-Us-Go, 28; Pin Hitters, 17.

High Averages—Allan Runciman, 187; Robert Sutherland, 182; John Hutley, 177; Marlene Harris, 180; Darlene Hutley, 170; Darryl Barth, 169.

High Singles Flat—Allan Runciman, 288; Len Kennedy, 271; Ron Turner and Robert Sutherland, 259; Marie Bullen, 275; Darlene Hutley, 252; Marlene Harris, 249.

High Singles With Handicap—Allan Runciman, 317; Ron Turner, 312; Len Kennedy, 309; Marie Bullen, 326; Gladys Ulley, 295; Darlene Hutley, 290.

High Triples Flat—Allan Runciman, 718; Robert Sutherland, 692; Cy White, 653; Darryl Barth, 615; Marlene Harris, 605; Marie Bullen, 583.

High Triples With Handicap—Allan Runciman, 832; Cy White, 800; Len Kennedy, 796; Darryl Barth, 750; Darlene Hutley, 744; Ellen Simpson, 741.

Winners of the 2nd Series—The Kickers.



Bantam Hornets

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dale and Darrington with Heron and Klompemaker earning two assists each. Single assists went to Oliver, Eric Gallagher, Moore and Teasdale.

Gallagher, Christopoulos and Darrington fired in two goals

with Crowley adding a single marker to lead the team over Rice Lake. Teasdale added two assists with single helpers going to Christopoulos, Jaidonn Freeland, Gallagher, Johnson, Klompemaker, Oliver, Heron and McIlmoyle.



In the Crease—The Uxbridge Bruin attacker appears to be in the crease as he scores for a 2-0 lead in the first period of Saturday's junior C game against the hometown Campbellford Rebels. Goalie Curtis Johnston is sprawled and a couple of defenders failed to stop the Uxbridge scoring foray. Rebel players Justin Loucks (5) and Nick Temple (4) arrive too late on the scene. Bruins went on to administer the Rebels' most humiliating loss of the season, 7-1. photo/Rolly Ethier.

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The cost to Ontario is more than \$1.7 billion in healthcare costs and \$2.6 billion in lost productivity annually.

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act

The new legislation is part of the government's comprehensive anti-tobacco strategy.

The proposed act would:

- ban smoking in all workplaces and enclosed public places, such as restaurants, bars, casinos, private clubs and work vehicles
- protect employees who seek enforcement of the workplace smoking ban from retaliation by employers
- eliminate designated smoking rooms
- limit the sale, distribution and use of tobacco products, including stricter measures to ensure only those 19 years of age and older can buy cigarettes.

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The proposed act does not extend the smoking ban to private dwellings, with the exception of licensed private home day care. Operators of residential care facilities and hotels would have the option of allowing smoking in these residential settings.

Identifying our programs and partnerships

The government is partnering with many organizations such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, The Lung Association and the Canadian Cancer Society in a united effort to help create a smoke-free Ontario.

This will include initiatives to help prevent youth from starting to smoke and help smokers quit, for example, Smokers' Helpline, 1-877-513-5333.

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Sports Regional

Vipers perfect in weekend sweep Avenge loss to Whitby, hammer Kingston



Presence felt: Jamie McComb has returned to the Norwood Vipers line-up. The former Campbellford Rebels captain had two goals and two assists in the team's 12-1 win over Kingston. He also picked up a goal in the Vipers' 11-5 win in Deseronto and an assist in their 5-2 win in Whitby. Photo: Bill Freeman

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - It was a perfect sweep for the Norwood J.J. Stewart Vipers hammering Deseronto and Kingston while avenging an earlier loss to Whitby with a solid 5-2 win Saturday at Iroquois Park.

"You can't get beat by the same team twice in a row in

their building especially in close games like that. We wanted to show them we were a good team also." Assistant Coach Steve Gatzos said after his team pummeled an undermanned Kingston Aces squad 12-1 before a good crowd at the A-N Community Centre.

Mike Williams starred in Whitby firing in two goals and adding a pair of assists. The former Peterborough Petes player was at his solid playmaking best. Norwood led all the way building up a 3-1 first period lead. They entered the third up 4-2. Adam Bernard made it 5-2. Also scoring for the Vipers were Andy Johnson and Scott Wasson. Wasson added two assists and Jamie McComb, back after a shoulder injury and as rugged as ever, added one helper.

The night before Norwood dusted the Bulldogs in Deseronto 11-4 behind Bernard's hat trick.

Gatzos says the players are buying into the 1-2-2 system they have been implementing and it has been paying off especially against the Dunlops Saturday.

"Whitby has a good team and they were coming at us pretty

hard but we kept our composure, played our positions and fared pretty well."

It was something of a "statement game" because the Dunlops and Vipers are in a dogfight for top spot in the EOSH.

"Some nights you're going to lose a game but we showed that we bounced back and came right at them. We did a great job."

Because of injuries and other commitments the Aces, who

beat Norwood two weeks ago in overtime, were very short staffed but that didn't mean the Vipers were going to sit back.

"Sometimes these are dangerous games to play," Gatzos says. "We played a little more passive and right off the bat made a bad change and they made a nice pass and scored."

"You've got to stay in the game no matter how many players they have. Keep your composure and don't break down."

But for the Aces goal 42 seconds into the first by Tyler

Dukelow, it was all Vipers who led 6-1 after the first period, 9-1 after the second before adding two more in the third. Mike Temple and Chad Birkhof had hat tricks while Bernard was an offensive juggernaut with seven points (two goals, five assists). Former Campbellford Rebel captain McComb had a four point night (two goals, two assists). Newest Viper Andy Johnson continues to pay dividends and had a pair of goals.

Captain Dave Stewart had three assists while Wasson and

Birkhof added two each. Single helpers went to Williams, Paul McInnes, Briane Thompson and Wes Nield.

Gatzos says that while the team is going into the new year playing very well they need to get over some of the injuries. Joe Hawley is still out and Jim McMillan was also on sidelines.

"Hawley is a big part of our team and without him we are surviving and doing well but just think how better we're going to be with him back. The

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CHSS girls hockey wins gold



By Darren McFarlane

Centre Hastings Secondary School Girls Hockey team traveled to Toronto on December 6th and 7th winning gold at a Beatrice Ice Gardens high school girls' hockey tournament.

The opener against Turner Fenton (Brampton) was won 2-1 with goals from Brittany Gray and Darby Smith. Assists came from Andrea McA-

lary (2), Candice Empey, and Gray.

Game 2 ended with a 10-6 victory over St. Robert's (Thornhill). Hat tricks came from McAlarey and Smith, and were helped out with goals from Gray (2), Empey, and Erin Wickett. Bailey McCullough, Tara Palmer, Melissa Martin (2), Kend-

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Red Devils, Finland bantams to square off in Campbellford

Campbellford--International hockey is coming to Campbellford.

As a special Christmas season treat, the Quinte Red Devil major bantams will take on a bantam squad from Finland Thursday, Dec. 30th at the Campbellford/Seymour Community Arena. The opening faceoff is at 7 p.m.

Making it all the more interesting for area hockey fans is that the Red Devils have a solid Trent Hills' connection with Zach Blake of Campbellford and Kevin Balas of Warkworth in the lineup. Campbellford's Tim Blake and Evan Osterhout of Belleville serve as assistant coaches for the Devils under head coach Carl Mackenzie. Victor Balas of Warkworth is the team's assistant trainer.

The Finnish bantam team is touring Ontario over the Christmas season.

"This will be the first time we've hosted an international game in a long while," noted Tim Blake, who in addition to coaching the Red Devils is the Campbellford/Seymour fire chief. "I believe we had a Russian minor hockey team here about 12 or 13 years ago."

The bantam Red Devils are comprised of talented young players from all over the surrounding region, including Belleville, Trenton, Brighton, Picton, Cobourg, Napanee, Wexford and Cherry Valley.

Jordan Tanner of Belleville and Maxim Francoeur of Trenton share the goaltending duties. The defence corps comprises Jacob Mahoney and Brandon Wilkinson, both of Picton, along with Sam Hall of Belleville and Richard Lee of Trenton.

In addition to Blake and Balas, the Quinte attacking brigade includes centres James Diminnie and Nathan Moon, left-wingers Evan Culbert and Dylan Ainsworth as well as Ryan Mills, Calob Conder and John Stapley.



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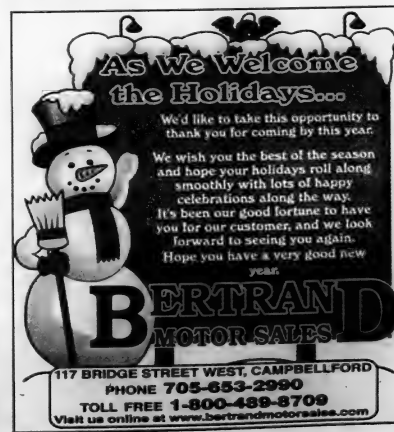
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Obituary

Winona Blanche Palmer

Winona Blanche Palmer died at the Belleville General Hospital on December 6th, 2004.

She was residing at the Caressant Care Retirement Home at Marmora at the time of her death. Winona was born in Madoc Township on October 13th, 1923, the daughter of Merle (Irwin) and Frank Palmer. Winona will be sadly missed by her sisters Doris Wiley and Madeline and Don McKinnon.

She will be remembered by her nieces and nephews: Don Ambler; Glen and Linda Wiley; Ron and Ana Wiley; Karen and Leonard Moeller; Ardith and Hugh Racey; Angus and Irish McKinnon and Anna and Ralph Henderson. Winona will also be in the hearts of her 14 grand nieces and nephews.

Winona was predeceased by her parents Frank and Merle Palmer, sister Mary Ambler and husband Irvine Ambler. She worked at General Electric, Peterborough for 42 years.

Winona rested at the McConnell Funeral Parlour at Madoc.

Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, December 8th at 2 p.m. The Reverend Stephen Thompson officiated and sang "In The Garden". Eulogy was spoken by her nephew Glen Wiley.

Winona attended Cedar Public School; Madoc High School and a Business Course in Belleville.

She was a member of the United Church.

Pallbearers were her nephews Glen Wiley, Ron Wiley, Leonard Moeller, Angus McKinnon, Hugh Racey and Ralph Henderson.

Interment will be at Hazzards Cemetery at RR2 Madoc in the spring.

Obituary

Bradley Fredrick Charles Town

Bradley Fredrick Charles Town died on November 14, 2004 at the age of 25.

He was born on January 21 1979 at Trenton, the son of Fredrick and Elaine (Ramsay) Town.

Bradley will be lovingly remembered by his Mother Elaine Town of Trenton; his sister Jennifer Town and her husband Wade of Marlbank; his brother Adam at Trenton; and his Father Fredrick Town of Belleville. He will be missed by nieces and nephew, Michelle, Heather, Cassandra, and Cody.

Bradley was predeceased by his nephew Thomas.

Funeral was at the McConnell Funeral Home at Madoc on November 18th 2004 with Funeral Service in the Chapel. Officiating Clergy was the Reverend Stephen Thompson.

Bradley was laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery, Queensboro.

Service Readings were given by Reverend Stephen Thompson. Donations were given with Charity of Choice.

Bradley attended William R. Kirk School at Belleville.

Pall Bearers were Kenny Ramsay, uncle; Brian Ramsay, first cousin; Michael Ramsay, first cousin; Doug Ramsay, uncle; Robert Town, uncle and Dave Stacey, uncle.

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For further information contact Community Care at 473-9009.

Police Search for Suspect Driving GMC Pick-up in Fail to Remain Traffic Accident

Centre Hastings - The Central Hastings O.P.P. detachment is searching for the driver and vehicle that left the scene of a minor traffic accident in Madoc around 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15th, 2004.

The suspect was pulling into a parking spot on St. Lawrence St. West in the downtown area when he struck another car that was already parked. After the suspect realized the collision had occurred, he reversed his vehicle and left the scene without stopping.

The suspect vehicle is described as a 1989 or 1990 GMC pick up truck, reddish/orange in colour. It may have damage to the right side fairly low as a significant amount of paint was left on the victim's vehicle as a result of the collision. The driver was described as an older

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Anyone with information is asked to contact the Central Hastings O.P.P. detachment or Crimestoppers with information.

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Madoc Male Charged for Threatening Police

Centre Hastings - On Thursday, December 16th, 2004 around 7:30 p.m. officers from the Central Hastings O.P.P. detachment attended a Madoc area residence following a disturbance.

Investigation found that the suspect had been drinking and had become aggressive. When another resident of the house called police for assistance, the police dispatcher could hear the suspect threatening to beat up and choke any officer that arrived. Police arrived a short time later and located the suspect hiding in the snow.

Charged with threatening is Paul O'Conner, age 41 of Madoc. He is scheduled to appear in Belleville court on Thursday, February 24, 2005.

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Local riding to receive infrastructure advance

Northumberland - Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland, has announced that residents of Brighton, Port Hope, Quinte West and Hamilton Township will benefit from renewed clean water infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities, and municipal roads thanks to a low-cost, long-term loan from the Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority (OSIFA).

"The announcement is good news for Northumberland and Quinte West," said Lou Rinaldi. "Investment in the renewal of clean water infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and municipal roads will go along way to improving our community now and for future generations."

"Many Ontario municipali-

ties need help with their infrastructure renewal investments because of the high cost of long-term financing," said Finance Minister Greg Sorbara. "We have established OSIFA to provide low-cost, longer term loans that will help to grow strong Ontario communities."

The \$3 million requested by Brighton would be used to renew clean water infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and municipal roads. The \$14 million requested by Port Hope would go to renew sewage treatment facilities while the \$3 million sought by Quinte West would be used to renew clean water infrastructure. and the \$3,500,000 requested by Hamilton Township plans to

use the \$3.5 million allocation to renew clean water infrastructure. OSIFA will enter into a financing agreement with Brighton, Port Hope, Quinte West and Hamilton Township, subject to technical and credit reviews, for a loan up to the maximum amount of the loan request. These loans have been approved in principal, but required municipal by-law has not yet been passed.

The government established OSIFA in the 2004 Ontario Budget to assist municipalities in financing their investments in critical public infrastructure. OSIFA loans offer affordable interest rates and low transaction costs, allowing municipalities to repair critical infrastructure at a reasonable rate.

OPP incident reports

Impaired Driver Arrested

Northumberland OPP officers conducted a vehicle stop in Brighton Nov. 16th and arrested the driver for impaired operation of a motor vehicle. He was taken to the detachment for breath tests. Sixty-year-old Robert Cockburn of Stirling has been charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and over 80 mgs.

Criminal Harassment

The Northumberland OPP have laid charges against a Brighton man for criminal harassment and possession of a controlled substance as a result of a call made to police on Nov. 17th. The charges stem from an ongoing fam-

ily business disagreement. The Brighton man was placed under arrest the next day at approximately 9:05 am in Brighton without incident and held for a bail hearing later that day.

Recovered Vehicle

Northumberland OPP were called Nov. 19th to assist with the recovery of an ATV stolen overnight from a Percy Township residence. The owner of the Polaris four-wheeler valued at approximately \$8,000 awoke in the morning on the Nov. 19th to find the motor vehicle missing and contacted police. Shortly after the initial call police were notified the four-

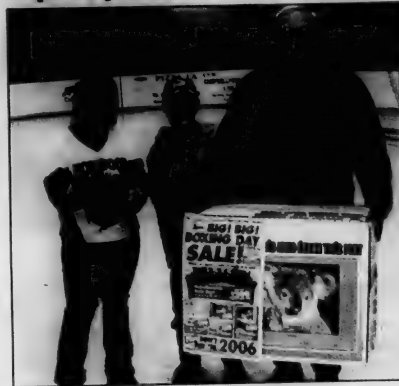
wheeler had been located on County Rd 24, Ward Road. The vehicle has been returned.

Domestic Dispute

Northumberland OPP responded to a report of a domestic dispute Nov. 22nd at a Cramahe Township residence. The investigation revealed a male and female went to the residence, entered unlawfully and assaulted another male and female who were inside. Police arrested and charged a 35 year old Cramahe Township man and a 30 year old Alnwick/Haldimand Township female with being unlawfully in a dwelling and assault.

Vipers perfect

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Big winner: Cameron Klomp maker won the Leons TV give-away at the Norwood Vipers game against Kingston. The Norwood Hornets player walked away with a 27" flat-screen TV. Making the presentation were Vipers executive Cal Clarke and promotions volunteer Brianna Lock. Photo/Bill Freeman

guys have really picked it up and filled the void."

Getting McComb back was a boost, Gatzos says.

"He stepped right back in and pretty much carried on where he left off with his injury. He's played very well."

Viper notes: Cameron Klomp maker got an early Christmas

present in the form of a 27" flat screen TV courtesy of the Vipers and Leons during an intermission draw...Dave Larcombe of Hastings won a Vipers jacket and Doris Stephens won four tickets to a Vipers game in the chuck-a-puck...The Vipers play home games against Tamworth Jan. 2 and Cobourg Jan. 9.

CHSS wins gold

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all McBeath, McAlarey (4) Smith (5) all assisted. The team's only loss from Richmond Hill's St. Theresa's in game 3 with a 1-0.

The Centurions bounced back to win their fourth 3-0 against Barrie's St. Joseph's and Smith (2) scoring, while assisted from Empey, Gray (2) Wickett.

The final gold medal saw a re-match against Theresa's. The team's hard for a 5-4 victory, two goals each from Gray, and a single Katelynn DeClair. He came from McAlarey Gray (2), Smith (2) Wickett.

Congratulations to say Black for her special goal tending throughout tournament. Special also goes to Tara, Britany Eaton, Parks, Karrah Rollins, non Stewart, and Jamie for their contributions team's gold medal win.

Way to go Centurions up the great work!

Puzzle of the week

Search-Word

This puzzle is a combination wordsearch and crossword. There are no clues or two letter words. Just reveal the hidden words by blocking out the incorrect letters. The completed pattern will be symmetrical. Use this fact to help you decide which letters to leave in which ones to leave out.

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385 RC Army Cadets Promotions and Awards

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To Corporal:

Catlin, Fitzgerald, Leslie, Wohlgenuth, Vince Matheson, Marsh, Lowder.

To Master Corporal:

Saigle

To Acting Sergeant:

Landry and Allore.

To Senior Sergeant:

Stapley

To Acting Warrant Officer:

Matacheskie, Redding

To Warrant Officer:

Redding

To Acting Master

Warrant Officer:

Maxwell

To Chief Warrant Officer:

Neal

Commissioners Scroll Presented

"We, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Integrity do by these Presents Constitute and Appoint you to be an Officer in our Canadian Armed Forces... Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the U.K. Canada..."

Commissioners Scrolls were presented to Lt. Shariene Matacheskie and Lt. Chad Paranuik.

A Bit of History of the Cadet Corps

The term "Cadet Corps" first appeared in 1898 under an agreement with the Province of Ontario. The agreement also provided that a member of the teaching staff would become the permanent instructor for the cadet corps rather than a temporary instructor detailed from the local militia unit.

A Cadet Corps' affiliation with a local militia unit dates from 1899 when the General Order Numbers 60 and 61 indicated that such an affiliation was possible as long as the cadets were between the ages of 14 and 19. The Militia Bill of 1904

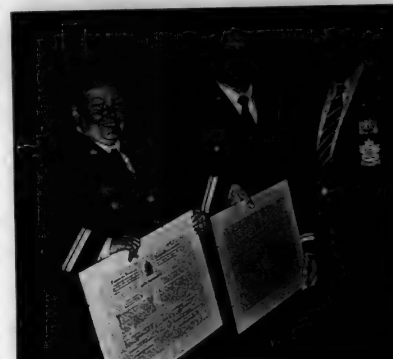
authorized boys over 12 years of age to be formed into school cadet corps and young men over 14 years of age but under 18 years of age to be formed into senior cadet corps. In this way, there would be a group of junior and a group of senior cadets.

During the years before the First World War and until its conclusion, the cadet movement thrived in Canada. In 1918 there were over 64 000 cadets enrolled and upwards of 40 000 ex-cadets had voluntarily enlisted to serve their country. After the "War to end all Wars", there was a decline in interest in the cadet movement. The uniform allowance was cancelled in 1931 and the instructional grant for junior cadets was cancelled. This post-war period created difficult times for even the strongest of cadet corps.

As everyone had expected, the dawning of the Second World War brought a renewed interest in the cadet movement. In 1942, His Majesty King George VI conferred the title "Royal" to the army cadets. The Royal Canadian Army Cadets became the official designation; one that we still use today. His Majesty also accepted the appointment of Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets. HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh holds this appointment today. There was an enormous expansion in the movement during the war and 115 000 boys enrolled as cadets. The grants that had been cancelled earlier in the century were reinstated and a standard pattern uniform was established at a very reasonable cost. In 1943, an Inter-Service Cadet Committee was set up to study common matters among the three elements. In May 1944 a new Army Cadet Flag was introduced in Army General Order 219.



the promotion of Maxwell to the Rank of Master Warrant Officer (MWO). She is also the Company Sergeant Major (CSM)



Commissioners Scrolls were presented to Lt. Matacheskie and Lt. Paranuik by Lt. Col. Graham.



The Legions and Kiwanis were presented with a gift from the Cadets in appreciation of all their support both past and present. In the photo: President of Madoc Legion Ron Butcher and Creighton Harrop for the Madoc Kiwanis graciously accept the gift from Captain Matacheskie.



Promotions to Acting Sergeant were given to Landry and Allore.



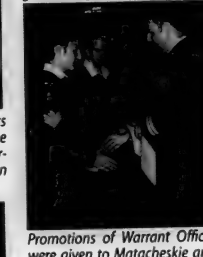
Promoted to Corporal: Catlin, Fitzgerald, Leslie, Wohlgenuth, Vince Not in picture: Matheson, Marsh, Lowder



The promotion of Master Corporal was given to Saigle.



The promotion of Senior Sergeant was given to Stapley.



Promotions of Warrant Officer were given to Matacheskie and Redding.



The promotion of Neal to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CWO). He is also the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM).

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Bereavement program lauded by members

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ing the great holiday without all of their family members.

Group members were unanimous about how the program offered by Palliative Care has been a valuable mechanism in their own personal coping process.

Your Life Changes

Nancy, whose husband died three and a half years ago, said support is particularly needed when "your whole life suddenly changes."

Anni's husband died last June and admits she is relieved in receiving the support accorded by Palliative Care as she attempts to adjust to a new life. Allen says his wife, who died in April, was more outgoing with people than he is. "Certainly the group here has helped me cope instead of having to go through it alone," he praised.

For Mel, whose wife Catherine died three and a half years ago, he claims he wouldn't have made it through without the people at Palliative Care.

"You need to have people around you in such an emotional time of your life," he noted.

Gord's wife died last December and he says the area is fortunate to have the Palliative Care Service, referring to group members as personal friends.

Maureen's husband, Bill, died

after he underwent heart bypass surgery just three days before Christmas. She is planning to create a book of memories in honour of Bill so that her six grandchildren can get to know him better through the memories gleaned from other members of the family and his friends.

"What an absolutely wonderful idea," said Ms. White. "Most people agree that it's important to recall memories and cherish the lives of loved ones."

Referring to all the commendation received for Palliative Care's role in the bereavement process, Ms. White said it was the best Christmas gift she could hope for.

"With the holidays in full swing we wish we could confidently say you'll be able to breeze through it but we know that is not possible," she told the group. "We want you to remember your loved ones. We still love them after all and we would like to have them with us for one more Christmas."

"We also know you would prefer to just jump right from November into January but that's not possible either," said Ms. White. "What can we do? We have to depend on the love of family and friends to help get you through the grieving process. Let your family members help by sharing the burden. It's their Christmas gift to you."

Doing Something New

Doing something new and different at Christmas might be an idea to consider.

The first Christmas after her husband died, Nancy and her daughter took part in a Christmas dinner at George Brown College in Toronto for 3,000 underprivileged or needy people.

"We spent six hours there, dressed up and meeting people. It helped take my mind off my own personal emotions on Christmas Day," she recalled.

Group members were asked to relate some of the Christmas customs and traditions they enjoyed before losing loved ones and what they are planning for Christmas 2004.

Mel recalled family get-togethers in Toronto when some 24 nieces and nephews dropped around to the house during the day to exchange gifts.

"Then came the grand nieces and nephews," he mused. "Now we're down to one great grand nephew. The old days are gone."

Maureen, a retired teacher, vowed "we won't let Christmas die with Bill."

On Christmas Eve, she said, when the kids were young, we read Christmas stories together from the bible and her daughter played Christmas carols, with the family joining in. Then they

all attended Christmas Mass together.

"That tradition continues as now the grandchildren sing carols and listen as we read the bible. Christmas Eve continues to be a special time for us. It's important to continue that tradition because Bill treasured it."

Ms. White encouraged members to remember the old traditions and "to keep your departed loves one a part of your Christmas and your daily lives." She recommended the family lighting a candle, staging a memorial for simply saying a special prayer as a token of remembrance to missing loved ones.

"I know it's a difficult thing to do," she said. "Also try to relieve as much stress on yourself as possible. Memories are painful but you have to treasure them as part of the healing process."

Sexual Assault Charges


An investigation involving the Northumberland OPP Unit and police in Montreal has led to an arrest and charges sexual assault. On July 17th 2004, a 15 year old female boarded a VIA train at Toronto Union Station bound for Montreal. While on the train a 27-year-old man sexually assaulted the girl while she was travelling to Quebec. Through a lengthy investigation the male was identified, arrested and charged with sexual assault. The accused is scheduled to attend court Jan. 5th.

Break and Enter

In the early morning of the Nov. 27th, the Northumberland OPP responded to an alarm at the Alderville First Nations Home Services Building. The suspect/s smashed out the back door stole a safe. Anyone with information regarding this break enter is asked to contact the Northumberland OPP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Police Pursuit

Just after midnight on Nov. 28th, a Northumberland OPP officer was traveling southbound on County Rd 30 when he almost struck head on by a vehicle traveling northbound in wrong lane. The officer had to drive evasively to avoid a collision and then pursued the other vehicle. After a short pursuit the suspect vehicle was located stuck in the mud and the driver and passenger fled the scene down a trail. A 17 year old was located hiding in the bushes and the OPP Canine Unit and team were called in to search for the other suspect. The investigation is ongoing. The 17 year old has been charged under Liquor Licence Act.



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Deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday February 2, 2005.**

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Readers will be asked to send in their votes in the following categories: • Cutest Boy • Cutest Girl • Most Serious Baby • Most Humorous Baby • Baby Most Likely To Become Prime Minister. There will be prizes handed out in each category.

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Kids at Christmas

Excellence Communications Group staff:

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The End



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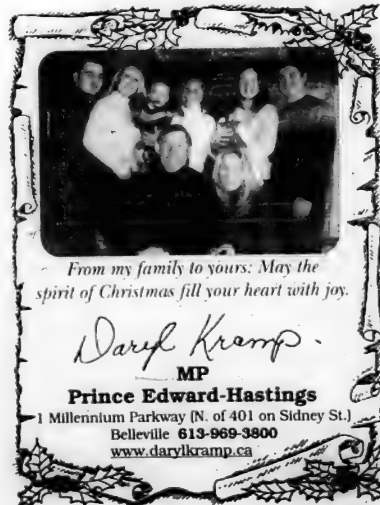
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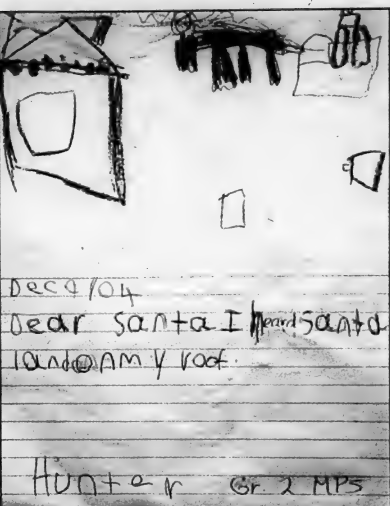
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Kids at Christmas



Hunter
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Mistletoe

By: Emily T
Grade 3
Madoc Public School

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You put up a mistletoes every Christmas Season. If a mistletoe was green and red then they would be Christmas colours but it is not. You can hang a mistletoe on your ceiling. You can put things around your mistletoe. A mistletoe is wonderful.

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2. a volleyball so I can practise
3. clothes like my sister and her friends because they are cool
4. a Mean Girls and Sleep Over DVD to watch with my friends.

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I better go. I have to help my mom decorated so it looks great when you come to visit. I'll have lots of cookies for you and carrots for you reindeer. I'll try to be good until Christmas just for you.

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The End

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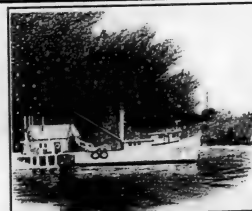
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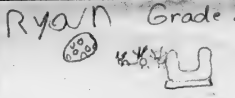
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Kids at Christmas

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It was Christmas eve and everyone was sleeping. THUMP. THUMP. THUMP! Tom jumped out of bed. He tip toed to the bottom of the tree. Ouch! He had fallen from a branch. A train under the tree went zooming in circles. It went, toot, toot! Tom couldn't get past. He jumped on and shouted,

"Yee ha!"

He had to get off though. Ring. Ring. Ring. Tom was getting scared. He saw a red thing. It was Santa. Tom's dream came true. Santa picked him up. "Are you looking for a gift?" he asked.

Santa handed him a ball. "Thanks", said Tom, Santa poofed away in blue smoke.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS", shouted Santa.

Tom still remembers the Christmas he met Santa!
Creative Writing Winner
Cole LeCavera
Earl Prentice - Grade 4



Havelock winner - Sandy Glen
Grade 7 at Havelock-Belmont PS

Christmas

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bells jingling
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evening has come
good will instead of war
Hanukkah
Jesus was born
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Mom makes the turkey
never give up
peace to the world
rejoice with your family
saints
Xmas
you can do it!!
Creative Writing Winner
Raven Lawrence
HBPS - Grade 6

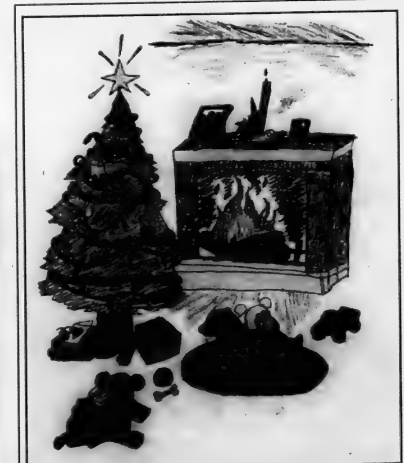


Campbellford winner - Jenny Maxwell
Kent Public School

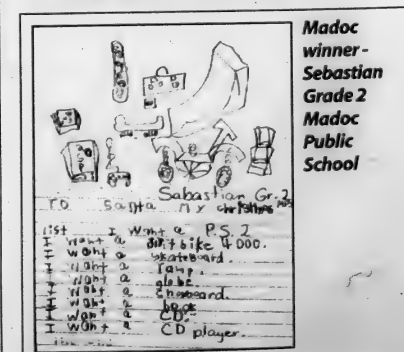
Christmas in Canada

Christmas in Canada means to me getting together with all the family and decorating our Christmas tree and listening to the carolers. Every year my uncle and I make shortbread cookies that are the best. Every year when I make cookies with my uncle we usually make some with cherries and some without and in a bunch of different shapes-like bells, moons, stars and different Christmas things. I hope this year and every year are the same.

Creative Writing winner
Jessica McGuire,
Grade 5,
Kent Public School



Land O' Lakes winner - Katelyn Buls
Grade 7 at North Addington Education Center



Kids at Christmas



Hastings winner - Kirsten West
Hastings Public School

My Canadian Christmas

I love Christmas. It is one of the best times of the year. The snow looks like little crystals. The houses are decorated. It looks beautiful. If it snows outside the weather makes Christmas in Canada even better.

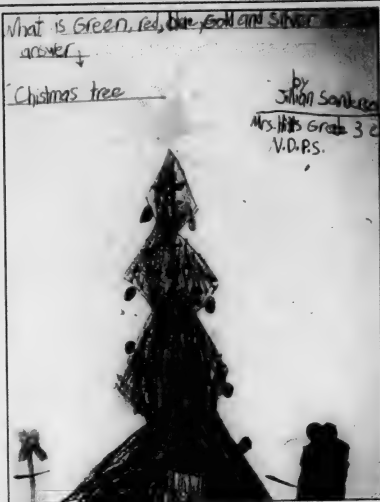
On Christmas Eve we spend time with family. We go to my Papa's and Jane for supper. On Christmas Day we go to my other grandparents house. We get lots of presents. My favour thing to do is to give presents. I love to see the looks on their faces when they receive gifts.

That same evening, it is a tradition to get a new pair of pajamas when we get home. Even though we know we are going to get them, we are still surprised because we never what they will look like.

On Christmas Day, we wake up at 3 am. I always say the earlier the better. Then we open our stockings and then the presents!

So now you know why I love Canada. It is one of the best places to celebrate the seasons. Have a happy holiday and Merry Christmas.

Creative writing winner
Brittany Langford
Hastings Public School



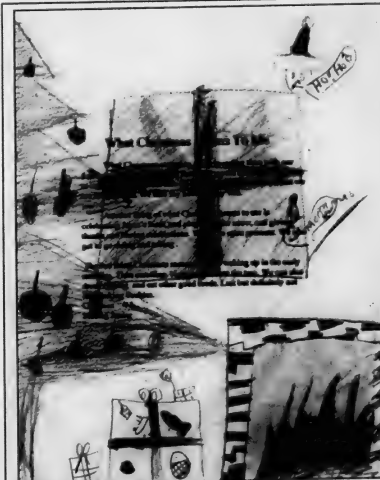
Norwood winner - Jillian Sanderson
Hastings Public School

Christmas

Christmas is a beautiful day when Jesus was born. Then Santa comes and puts presents under everyone's tree. But do you know that Christmas is not just about Santa and the presents we get.

It's about Jesus' birth. It's about giving and family as well.

By Vanessa Crowley
Grade 4, St. Paul's, Norwood



Stirling winner - Christien 4-J
Stirling Junior

Our thanks to the schools in each area that took the time to submit photos and stories for our Christmas in Canada contest. Above are the winners. There were two in Stirling, as we couldn't decide. Some schools did not submit creative writing, hence there were no winners for that area.

Merry Christmas!

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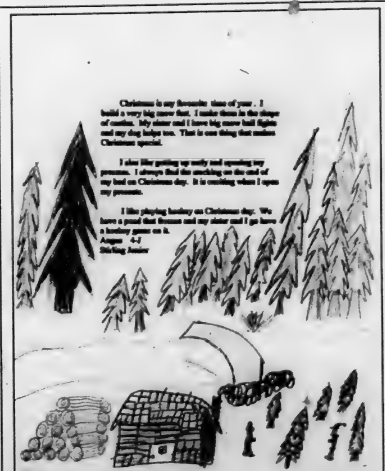
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Their magic was not quite up to the professional level as they attempted to make a comrade Cadet disappear. It was not until they went backstage to answer a phone call that the magic finally worked.



...and the magical disappearing trick went into action. When they arrived back on stage sure enough, she had disappeared. The audience was close to tears.



Charles Dickens's Christmas Carol was never performed this way before. The anastiv ghost of present had a difficult time containing laughter.



Photos by L.J. Jackson

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

It's time to join family and friends in joyful holiday celebrations. We hope your holiday season is the best ever.

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Kids at Christmas



Photo Nancy Derrer

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Mrs. Claus

Mrs. Claus was first introduced to the world in the book *Goody Santa Claus On A Sleigh Ride* by poet Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929). Mrs. Claus has moved out of the kitchen and into the workshop over the past century.

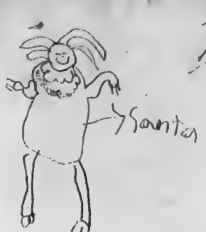
In Bates' 1889 book, Mrs. Claus begs to be taken along in the annual Christmas Eve toy delivery sleigh ride with Santa. She has raised perfect candy trees all year long and feels deserving of a chance to participate in the fun. As they make their deliveries, Santa pops up and down chimneys, and Mrs. Claus stays on the roof and holds the reindeer.

Sadly, when they come to one little boy's modest house, Santa emerges from the chimney with a tear on his cheek. The

only stocking the little boy had to hang by the fireplace had a hole in it, and he was unable to fill it with any presents. Seeing an opportunity to save the day, Mrs. Claus jumps down the chimney and mends the little boy's stocking.

From that point on, Santa has always asked his lovely wife to come along for holiday deliveries. Today, Mrs. Claus doesn't just bake the best cookies this side of the Northern Lights.

She stays up-to-date on all the most popular toys, making sure Santa knows what each child wants, and manages the elves' workshop. It keeps her very busy, but she is happy to be at the side of Santa, bringing extra magic to Christmas.



Dear Santa Claus, I want a four-wheeler, 500! and I want a play station 2 and I want one of your reindeer and I want a computer and I want a hula hoop and I want a Swing.

Taylor Blackburn Gr 2B MPS

Taylor
Grade 2B Madoc Public School

Jacob Thompson Grade 2 B MPS

to Santa I want a crash game and a clock and a skate board and a chess game and video game and the "Incredible" movie.

Thank you!

Jacob
Grade 2 B Madoc Public School

Fa la la la la

la la la la!

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Kids at Christmas

Saint Nicholas

Saint Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, lived in Turkey during the 4th Century A.D. He later emerged in the popular culture as Santa Claus, Saint Nick, Sinter Klaas, and other names. Always, he is a kindly man who gives gifts to others, especially children, during the Christmas season. Gradually, his gifts came to be given on Christmas Eve rather than on the original day for the celebration of Saint Nicholas Day, December 6. Many legends are associated with Nicholas the most famous being the tale of the three sisters.

Nicholas was the child of wealthy parents, and when they died, they left Nicholas a large inheritance at a young age. He was determined to use his fortune to help the less fortunate. As luck would have it, just such a case presented itself to Nicholas

when a bankrupt man from the city of Patara came to Nicholas' attention. The man had three daughters, and because he could not afford to pay for their dowries, they were forced to work under degrading circumstances in order to make money to survive.

Nicholas, under cover of night, came to the house and threw a bag of gold into the window. When the family awoke the next morning, they were amazed to find the bag of gold sitting in the middle of their house. The oldest daughter was able to afford her dowry and was soon married.

Soon after, another bag of gold appeared, and the second daughter was married. Curious as to who was being so kind, the father hid in the shadows and waited to see if his benefactor would

return a third time. When Nicholas crept up to the house and threw the third bag of gold into the window, the father leapt out and embraced Nicholas, thanking him for his generosity and for saving his daughters from a sinful life.

Over time the legend of Nicholas spread far and wide. In Eastern Europe, especially Russia, Nicholas has had a very important role in society since Christianity was first introduced there in the 11th Century. Nicholas is the patron Saint of Russia, and his feast day of December 6th is seen as one of the most important holy days of the year. Children in Russia, and other Eastern European countries, would leave their shoes out in hopes that Nicholas would come in the night and leave presents of chocolate and fruit for them. De-

cember 6th was the day for gift giving in Russia, not December 25th. Christmas, or the Feast of the Nativity as it was known, was a Holy Day completely separate from that of St. Nicholas Day and the practice of giving gifts.

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards originally started as letters sent from school children to their families around the holidays. Christmas Cards as we know them today began to be seen after the invention of the steam press in the 1840s.

The first cards printed in England specifically for use at Christmas were designed by John Horsley in 1843 and were sold at Felix Summerly's Home Treasury Office. They featured the greeting, "A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

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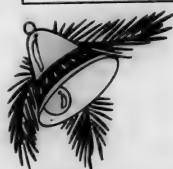
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Kids at Christmas

Things Every Homeowner Should Know For The Holidays



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Royal and SunAlliance Insurance Company of Canada is providing Canadians with some valuable advice to protect that perfect holiday gift and cherished possessions from thieves, prevent fires and ensure the safety of family and friends at holiday parties. Do you put empty packaging at the roadside? You could be tipping off a thief that you just purchased a flat-screen TV or an expensive toy for your children.

"We want everyone to enjoy the holidays, but it is important to keep safety in mind," said Irene Bianchi, Vice President of Claims at Royal and SunAlliance Canada. "That's why we're offering these simple tips to protect yourself and your loved ones this holiday season. By taking a few simple steps, such as ensuring your decorations are flame retardant and monitoring your guest's alcohol consumption, you can have a truly memorable holiday season."

"Based on the types of insurance claims we see each year during, and after, the holidays, we wanted to issue these tips to help people have an enjoyable and safe holiday season."

Attached is a list of things every homeowner should know to be protected this holiday.

Royal And SunAlliance's Check List for a Safe Holiday Season

The incidence of break-in and theft increases during the holidays for two key reasons:

- Thieves recognize that people are often away from their homes for extended periods of time - holiday shopping and visiting friends or on vacations abroad.
- Thieves know that there are valuable holiday gifts readily available for the taking.

In addition to taking the usual precautions such as installing deadbolts and security systems, you should consider taking additional anti-theft precautions:

- Consider leaving on a radio or TV to make it look and sound like someone is home.
- Hide the presents. Wrapped presents or packages should not be seen from outside the home.

Consider storing presents in a closet. Also, use caution when storing valuable presents in a garage - garage locks are not as strong as house locks and the gifts could be damaged by the cold.

• Empty packaging at the roadside is advertising for would-be thieves. When disposing of packages, break down the boxes before you put them out for recycling (or trash) and turn labeling inside out.

Preventing Holiday Fires
Sadly, the incidence of house fires increases during the holiday season. Homes full of guests and decorations, candles around

trees or on Hannukah menorahs, and the increased stress of the holidays all play a role. Here are some reminders for safety: **Fireplace/Woodstove safety?** Never burn wrapping paper as the inks can create toxic fumes when burned.

Decoration safety
• Most decorations manufactured today are flame retardant - exercise care when using older decorations - the safety standards have evolved over the years.

Tree safety

• When selecting a natural tree, be sure that it is fresh - old trees represent a significant risk of fire. Old trees can usually be identified by bouncing the trunk on the ground - if many needles fall off, it is probably old.

Party Safety

According to the Canada Safety

Council, more than half of all traffic fatalities are alcohol related. Being a smart party host or a party guest includes using common sense about alcohol. If you or your guest injures or kills someone, you may be found wholly or partially liable by the courts. Some insurance coverage may be available to you, depending upon the fact circumstances and the coverage you buy.

If you are planning to host a party, consider the following:

- Greet all guests as they arrive to help determine if they may have consumed alcohol before arriving.

• Call a local cab company or simply call 1-888-TAXIGUY (Canada Safety Council number connects you to a local cab company anywhere in Canada). Don't give your intoxicated guest an option to refuse.

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Kids at Christmas

Pets as gifts can be a recipe for disaster

Ottawa, December 6, 2004 – The image of a puppy or kitten under a decorated tree on Christmas morning might seem like a dream come true for many people... in reality, however, may be the first step of a potential nightmare. In many homes, the holidays are a hectic time of year with lots of visitors, parties, etc. This can make it a very impractical time to introduce a new pet that needs a lot of attention and a regular schedule. Every year across Canada, holiday animals find their way to shelters or new homes shortly after their purchase, their owners having quickly grown disenchanted with the realities of owning a pet.

Veterinarians, humane societies and reputable breeders will gladly tell anyone that cats and dogs don't make good gifts. Parents might be disappointed by the thought of ruining a holiday surprise, but getting everyone involved in the purchase or adoption of a new pet will ensure everyone agrees with having a new companion;

will help increase the chances that the new pet will fit in with the family (especially with children and existing animals); and the extra planning and thought needed to have the whole family involved will help avoid impulse purchases that can lead to problems down the road.

The potential consequences of purchasing a puppy or a kitten as a gift are numerous, and some can be quite serious. Failing to consider your family – the age of your children and temperament of existing pets, for example – as well as the temperament of your new pet – such as breed, friendliness toward other animals/children, level of activity – could spell disaster: an existing dog could chase or injure a new kitten, or a new puppy could behave aggressively, and maybe eventually even bite children in a household. In other instances, new pet owners discover owning a puppy or kitten can be expensive and time consuming, and surrender their new pet to the

animal shelter, where it is put up for adoption.

"We could avoid so many pets being sent to shelters, and maybe even avoid so many tragedies like dog bites if only more thought was put into obtaining a new companion,"

warns Bob Van Tongerlo, CEO of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS). "In addition, purchasing a poorly bred pet – from a pet store, a puppy mills or a backyard breeder, for example – can lead to behaviour and health problems requiring high veterinary bills, and many other issues."

What if your family has researched the issue, and is truly committed to opening the door to a new four-legged member? Instead of bringing home the pet as a gift, why not shop for new pet necessities? Consider wrapping leashes and collars, litter boxes, food and other supplies to put under the tree. If you have extra time off, bring your family to the library or look on-line to research which type of pet or breed would be more appropriate for your family. Then, after the holidays, you can visit your local animal shelter – humane societies and SPCAs have many types of animals of all sizes and breeds, including, at times, purebreds. Or, if your heart is set on a purebred animal, you can also take the holidays to research and meet good breeders in your area. The National Companion Animal Coalition, of which the CFHS is a founding member, has developed the "Checklist for Acquiring a Dog" to help you find a dog from a reliable source.

Waiting until after the holidays to get your new pet might make you feel like you're missing out on your picture perfect holidays this year – but it's a great way to help ensure you'll still be enjoying those special times when next Christmas rolls around!

If Christmas truly is a quiet time in your home, it may just be a perfect time to introduce a

new pet as you have extra time holidays to allow the animal to get settled in – but only if you have seriously considered and researched the pet you will be adding. Also, please be aware of how much time and energy pets require, especially puppies, and be realistic about your holiday schedule.

About the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies

As the national voice on animal welfare issues, CFHS represents over 100 member societies and speaks collectively for more than 400,000 individuals. CFHS is a charitable organization committed to ending the suffering of animals by working with the public, government, industry, the scientific community, educators and the media on both the national and local levels toward this goal.



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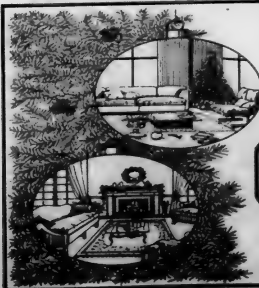


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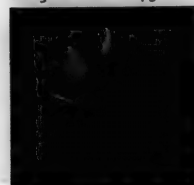
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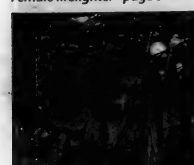
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The 4th degree Knights of Columbus formed an honour guard outside the church at the 200th Jubilee celebration, photo Nancy Derrer

Archbishop Meagher among six church dignitaries

By Nancy Derrer

Marmora - The 100th anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church was marked with a Thanksgiving mass offered by Archbishop An-

thony Meagher of the Kingston Archdiocese. Concelebrants were former pastors Archbishop Francis Spence (retired), Rev. Gerald Scanlan, Monsignor Patrick Carty, Rev. John Grainger and

current parish priest Rev. John Brennan.

Special guests at the reception, who were introduced by Parish Council Chair Anita Bedore, included Rev John Hughes, a former parishioner, who made his First Communion with Archbishop Spence, when he was the parish priest and his Confirmation with Father Scanlan. Father Grainger pointed him in the direction of his priestly vocation.

MP Darryl Kramp brought greetings from the Government of Canada; the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Environment, suggested "we don't take enough time to thank the pastors for their strength, service and commitment to the community and the important role they have played in our lives."

Two representatives of Alhambra presented Father Brennan

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Fire Fighters Have Community Support

By L.L. Jackson

Madoc - It was in the fall of 1977, the day after the Che Factory at Ivanhoe burned down, that Council made a motion to start the Huntingdon Fire Department. The vote was four yes and one no. Since its inception, Deputy Fire Chief Bill Pollock said, at the Hall's Annual Christmas together, they have acquired the tools and Volunteers successfully and vigilantly serve the community.

It has been through the generous support of the community; hard work of the Fire Fighters' Auxiliary; Volunteer Service groups and Fire Fighters themselves, that the Fire Hall is now equipped with the tools to help those in need.

The Huntingdon Volunteer Fire Fighters with the Centre Hastings Fire Department met recently for their Annual Christmas get together. Dinner was kept on the bar burner, while they were late for their own party to put out a chimney fire.

The Madoc Legion Branch 363 presented the Fire Hall with a generous donation again for the year of 2004, enabling them to purchase a much needed defibrillator and ten emergency medic bags. Addressing the Fire Fighters, President of Madoc Legion, Ron Butcher extolled the efforts of the Fire Fighters. "It is our pleasure to give to such a worthy organization of dedicated Volunteers... We appreciate all you do... We will be looking after you in the future all we can."

When a Sudden Cardiac Arrest occurs a First Response Team needs to act quickly to save a life. With the defibrillator Fire Fighters at first response have been able to shock someone's heart back to normal rhythm and save lives.

The recent get together, was not merely an evening of celebrating the Christmas Season with fellow Fire Fighters at the Huntingdon Fire Hall, but as well a show of appreciation to the efforts of the many. The Fire Fighters Auxiliary said Deputy Chief Pollock, has been exemplary in the efforts to support the Fire Fighters, Celia Papertzman presented the Deputy Chief with the exemplary efforts for their 2004 fundraisers.

"Thanks for a great year guys...I am proud of you all. The camaraderie was intoxicating as the Deputy Fire Chief Bill Pollock spoke of the beyond the call efforts of his well trained team. As the previous year had shown half medi-

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Jubilee celebration

with a plaque for the parish, which was blessed by Archbishop Meagher. Fourth degree Knights of Columbus formed an honour guard for the priests as they entered the church.

There were several events held to mark the church's 100th Jubilee: the most costly but the most lasting was the re-pointing of the bell tower. It had been decided in 2002 that it must be restored. Fundraising events were organized to pay for the major repairs to the stone masonry, seal masonry joints, remove and reset

loose masonry units, supply new face/corner/ornamental stone, repair and replace woodwork, repair and paint windows, paint metal cornice, add new flashings at the louvered windows and install lightning protection. Value of the work completed was \$154,000.

The church has an active parish council, Catholic Women's League, Catholic Girls' League, Knights of Columbus and is an important adjunct to Sacred Heart Catholic School next door.

Highlights of 2004



There was such a crowd at the official opening of the Station Restaurant last November that the ribbon cutting ceremony had to be moved outside on the platform. photo Nancy Derrer

Station Restaurant opening greeted by 500 wellwishers

By Nancy Derrer

Havelock: There were a number of achievements in Havelock in 2004 but undoubtedly the high point of the year was the grand opening of the Station Restaurant.

After four months of renovations, and years of watching the 1929 CPR heritage railway station fall into disrepair, thanks for the foresight of the building's new owner, Nicos Miniotti, the restoration was undertaken. John Alexiou and his crew of specialists were there every day, restoring the terrazzo floors, retaining the marble stalls in the bathroom, and repainting inside and out while paying close attention to the building's history.

Alexiou, a trained chef with a string of successful restaurants to his credit in both the United States and Canada, stayed on to become the restaurant's Executive Chef.

The day the restaurant officially opened to the public, Havelock Rotary Club members held its first of a weekly series of breakfast meetings. Locals are taking pleasure in dining in or taking out or to gather at the eight-seat bar, called Philoxenia which means 'friend of strangers'.

Highlights of 2004

One of a Kind SkatePark at Madoc

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc: It couldn't have come so far without the stubbornness, energy and commitment of the Youth. It would never have started without the imagination, and belief in a dream. The "one of a kind" SkatePark at Madoc would never have celebrated its' finishing touches without the support of the community and beyond.

It was less than one year ago, on March 3rd, that the SkatePark committee and the Youth met with as a team with designer, Jim Barnum. Since that short time ago, the designer has lauded the efforts of the community and especially the Youth and has found pride in his work, "It's one of the best parks that I have ever created."

"Wow - \$23,000 raised by the youth in the community in nine months! That's huge! In fact, that's the most I've heard of any one community raising themselves for a skatepark. Congrats!" Cindy Mieke, Director of Marketing for West 49 Ontario, a skateboarding company at Belleville, stated after hearing about the Madoc project.

"This community should be proud of the 100 or more youth who helped to make it happen. Thank you to the businesses and individuals who have helped to complete this first phase of an exceptional park." Carmen Donato of the SkatePark Committee explained. "However, a project of this magnitude takes the ongoing generosity of an entire community. We still have a way to go to finish paying for this large skatepark. We have applications to United Way and the Farm Credit Corporation for

funding for the new playground equipment and the bunny skatepark which will be installed in the spring."

Together, with the Centre Hastings Municipality, the SkatePark Committee will be constructing a new canteen and washroom facility in 2005.

"Nice to see it finished - a short road, but not an easy one." Jason Smith of the SkatePark Committee and one of the \$500 club who raised close to \$4,000 for the skatepark. Others in the \$500 club were Jordan Melvin, Matt and Jonny Bissell and Tyler Peck. Tyler smiled satisfied at the hard work and commitment that he with the others have put into their Dream, saying he could hardly wait to use it.

It is a dream come true...not over the rainbow, but right at Madoc and it was done with hard work, commitment and little bit of stubbornness.

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Madoc Took Charge of 2004 With a Grasp of the Future

By L.J. Jackson

But a few of the highlights of 2004 - it would take...well a year to tell them all.

Madoc - Madoc has taken the year 2004 by storm with an attitude embracing change and looking straight ahead to the future.

The No Smoking Law has had controversial reactions from smokers and non smokers. Madoc Legion Members do not agree that the No Smoking Law should apply to their club with Veterans who were paid in cigarettes.

The Board of Education's Staggered Bell Times and Double Bussing aroused anger and contention from parents, teachers, bus drivers and community.

Struggling with lack of physicians, the community has dug in its heels and never quit trying. Now the Medical Centre has been painted and expanded providing room for additional services. Dr. Yorston will soon be supported by another physician. A nurse practitioner has added medical knowledge and assistance to the community in need. The Medical Centre at Madoc is looking good as the new year arrives.

The Madoc Village Square, is another highlight of the Village which has lightened and bright-

ened the area with a grander spot for entertainment in the Village and a tempting spot for the Village Market.

Maple Syrup and the Madoc Maple Syrup Festival was a hit with pancake breakfasts, snow taffy at the Sugar Shack. It was old fashioned fun that supported the medical community.

Comfort Country has spelled out a whole new vacation spot for visitors this year and the Madoc Meteorite Jamboree welcomed visitors to its weekend.

New buildings at Madoc keep setting records and this year has not been disappointing.

Hockey hasn't stopped. The game goes on without the NHL, with both boys and girls hockey teams keeping the sport alive in Madoc. Ice Fishing on the Lake has begun again. A Regatta on the Lake attracted enthusiasts. Baseball came back to town like a crackerjack. The Centre Hastings High School have been busy. The Library, Cultural Centre have held many gatherings of interest.

Arts and Culture have not only been a local attraction to the area, but has received people from far and wide.

The Madoc Legion have been active as well as service groups such as the Madoc Kiwanis growing in numbers as well as support. There has been much excitement in and around the Village with the help of these organizations along with Church groups and the Schools.

Volunteer Firefighters have been on the scene of many accidents, as well as fires, this year, experiencing many automobile fires. Their annual Pancake Breakfast served a huge crowd this year and has become a popular event, not only with the locals, but many travel for the event. It has become a top fundraiser for the Centre Hastings Fire Fighters.

2004 saw many traditional times in the area. The Sled Dog Races at Eldorado had to be moved a little farther north to find enough snow, but the move didn't affect the popularity. Good luck dog sledgers 2005.

With an exceptional effort from an entire community and beyond the final contour to the "one of a kind" SkatePark at Madoc has been rounded out. Youth have diligently committed time, effort and a lot of hard work for the Dream to have finally come true.

A Blessing of Time

By Rev. Jean Brown

(adapted from material written by Rev. R. Moncher and used by permission)

*Time is too slow for those who wait,
too swift for those who fear,
too long for those who grieve
too short for those who rejoice.
But...for those who love, time is not.*

God, we thank you for Your gift of the seasons and for this New Year 2005 that lies before us. Take from us the guilt and failure of the past by deepening our faith in Your forgiveness. Spare us all anxiety and worry for the future by strengthening our trust in Your ever watchful and loving providence. Extend your blessing to the instruments, calendars and timepieces we use to measure time. Bless our clocks and watches so we may experience the miracle of each second. May they help us not miss what is important while You keep us from machine-like routine. Free us from being clock watchers, make us time lovers. Bless our calendars, those ordered lists of weeks and months, of holidays and holidays, of feasts and fasts, all our special days of remembering. May these calendars, our servants, grace our homes and our lives. May they remind us of birthdays and other gifted days. As they teach us the secret that all of life is meant for contemplation and celebration. And finally God, bless this new year, each of its days and nights. Bless us with full means and new moons, with happy seasons and healthy lives. Grant to us, God, this 2005 gift: A year of love and peace.

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I'm So Depressed

By James Cass

Well, O.K. We live in a troubled world. Everybody feels sad or down now and again - usually for an hour or two or maybe a couple of days. Clinical depression is a different matter. It doesn't go away easily, or soon.

There are plenty of reasons for depression and it is one of the most common mental health illnesses. It is not caused by a lack of willpower. Nor is it a personal weakness. But it can interfere with your life, your family, and your work. It can change the way you think and behave. It can even affect your physical health.

Changes in attitude or personality may signal the onset of depression, particularly if someone has recently experienced a serious loss or distressing event. Typical signs include changed sleeping and eating habits; poor concentration and decision making; loss of interest in social activities; decreased sex drive; low energy; feelings of helplessness, guilt, grief, or sadness.

Thoughts of death or suicide may arise.

It's time to get help. Depression can be diagnosed and treated successfully. In fact, it's the most treatable of all mental illnesses. Ask your family physician.

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Some thoughts for the New year

A New Year is upon us, and I have to wonder, "What have we learned in the past 365 days, that will help us to improve on the next 365?" Have we learned to be more tolerant of others, and difficult situations?

There have been many headlines throughout this year, mostly informing us of great tragedies, both man made, and those produced by an unforgiving natural world. Just this past week, many many thousands have perished, lost their homes, and all that makes up their lives, in one of the poorest areas of the world. Immediately, the nations of the world, not just here in Canada, have reached out to as quickly as possible offer aid and comfort to those in this extremely dire situation. What is it that you and I can do? Yes, offer money to help those in need to survive and start again. But just as importantly in the long run, offer up our prayers, our expressions of hope for a better tomorrow, and the most positive feelings possible, to all our fellow man.

As we go into this new year of 2005, let's determine that our own lives, even if stricken down as suddenly as those who perished in the great tsunamis of the Indian Ocean, that our lives will have counted for something positive, something for others to be benefited by, something our descendants can look to and want to emulate.

In our lives, each one of us, I am sure, will daily be confronted with situations and people that we would rather not deal with. Things that will frighten, anger, or even disgust. Well, the only way through any situation is to face it head on, work through it, and hopefully, come out the other side a better person.

Remember, the power of positive thinking will help to obtain positive results; while the act of negative thinking will always end up with negative results. A bit simplistic maybe, but very true.

As for this coming year of 2005, may you have the most positive year ever, and may each of us be able to say "I made a difference, a good difference!"



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Letters to the editor

Turn them around!

Well David, I read your article on accident tie ups on the 401. I have been saying for years that the police could do something in these cases. Assuming that the police have already closed the road off at the last entrance before the accident. They could easily turn the traffic around and have them drive the wrong way back to the last exit. I fail to see that this would be a problem. It's not like they would be running into vehicles traveling against them. This could be accomplished with only two police cars. The whole operation should not take more than half a hour. You would not even need to cut down the barriers. Of course this exercise would involve commonsense and the one thing about commonsense is that it is not very common.

Cheers
John Reekie
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Cigarettes were distributed free during their service to their Country

Recently, the government of Ontario announced it's intention to introduce legislation which will ban smoking from all public places across Ontario, a move which would also ban smoking in private clubs, including branches of the Royal Canadian Legion.

As President of Madoc Branch 363, the Royal Canadian Legion, I

have asked our elected member to the legislature, Leona Dombrowski, to support an exemption from this legislation for the following reasons:

1. The Legion is a private non-profit club originally established by veterans to support and remember those who served, fought - and - yes, died, in the service of their country.
2. Most veterans are into their seventies and eighties and many began smoking when cigarettes were distributed free during their service. What will be served by depriving those veterans who wish to smoke from enjoying that activity in their own private club? On the contrary, the sacrifices of these veterans should continue to be remembered (not only on November 11) and respected.

3. Passage of this legislation will, in my opinion, result in the closure of many Legions, perhaps even ours in Madoc, which are already struggling to make ends meet financially. Closures will mean the government will be putting out of business one of the most dependable fund-raisers in this province. For years, Legion branches across this province have donated millions of dollars to local and provincial charities, non-profit organizations, hospitals, youth programs, sports, student bursaries, medical equipment, assistance to veterans and their spouses. This will be a tremendous money shortfall for local governments, and, yes, the Ontario government, will have to make up.

Ron Butcher,
President
Branch 363, Madoc

Province's point of view?

Recently in the Community Press MPP Rinaldi stated that, the County council should see things from the province's point of view rather than criticizing, and claiming that the rural areas are supporting the large urban centres through property taxes. He points out that the federal and provincial governments are now ready to release the purse strings and transfer funds (held back over the years) to help the municipalities cover the costs of services in their respective communities. Of course there's a catch. Rinaldi said, that if a municipality doesn't have a way to come up with their share, the funds wouldn't be made available to that community. Now that is quite the condition!

The poor communities that cannot raise their third of the cost of services will not receive a penny. The rich municipalities get richer and the poor communities get poorer. What is the municipality's main source of income? You guessed it folks. Our

property tax! So if the municipality does not increase property tax in order to come up with a third of the services costs, the provincial government will punish us by not transferring a cent. It was the downloading and funds not transferred by the provincial government that put the stress on the municipalities and sucked the municipalities' coffers in the first place. If Rinaldi and the likes, and our honourable members of council want the understanding and support from we, the taxpayers for their different points of view on funding negotiating, then please give us the facts!

I believe it is our democratic right as payers of all taxes, to request our municipal council to submit to the local papers a list of services our municipality is responsible for, before and after downloading. What are the costs of these services? What proportion of these services are the Municipalities' responsibility, through property tax? What services were downloaded on us from the provincial government and how much did they shortchange us on these added responsibilities? Give us the true and honest facts, so that we may understand why we keep reaching deep down in our pockets to pay taxes, taxes, and more taxes and yet there never seems to be enough.

Lillian Page
Madoc

Parkland acquisition

One of the greatest challenges for municipal recreation directors in the twenty-first century is park land acquisition.

This is accomplished by several well known means, two of the main being:

- 1) When waterfront or suitable property goes up for sale, municipality buys it from the private sector or the crown.

- 2) appeal to property owners to breguest their property and assets (for upkeep) to the municipality or a suitable organization who will follow their wishes.

As urban sprawl moves closer to Marmora in three directions, parkland acquisition is going to become a major tourist issue for future generations.

Liz Moulton,
Marmora

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Resolve to Spend Time Wisely

Put Time On Your Side
Life is sometimes like riding a wave. You jump on your surfboard at 7:00 a.m. and wash up on the sofa at 10:00 p.m. You've run out of energy and time. Not enough hours in a day.

My grandmother could

Resolve to spend time wisely

bake a pie, do the laundry on a scrub board, make the beds, serve three good meals daily, do her housecleaning, get the kids off to school, spend time mending socks, and still have time to learn to play six musical instruments and act as choir leader for her church. Some of her talents rubbed off on me. I can play the radio and the TV remote control.

For those of us who take time for granted and squander it like it was endless (and we're all guilty of that) let's remember how precious time is.

Time with family, friends and good neighbours. Time with the ones we love most, like our partner in life or an ailing elderly mother, a sister or brother who may be ill. Here's where time is extremely important. Use it wisely.

The key is to spend time, not squander it. "Take time to make time".

My grandfather took a fifteen minute nap every afternoon. So did Winston Churchill. Other nappers were Napoleon, Harry Truman and Thomas Edison. Use "found time" to your advantage. When stuck in traffic, write a poem. If your waiting in line for a delayed flight, make a list of things to buy or things to do later that day or

evening.

With all the modern conveniences designed to save us time, it seems we have less time than ever. The perception of rushing seems to increase with the number of time saving devices we have. "The hurrier I go, the more behind I get." Slow down, put time on your side. Make it your New Year's Resolution to spend time more wisely in the year ahead.

Remember the words of Omar Khayyam:

"The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on. Nor all your piety or wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

Happy New Year!
.....AND SO IT GOES!

Highlights of 2004

People are the 'significant event' for 2004

By Brian Dunning

Land O' Lakes - There are times editors are given assignments based on a particular theme that are difficult to complete. Choosing one event that stands out over others in the Land O' Lakes is one of them. Yes, there were significant events - the national conference hosted by Tweed this past fall on rural revitalization is one, Adding Highland's project to attract backers for a year-round motel/resort another, but the main events are smaller in scope, but with a greater impact on their respective communities.

I have chosen to highlight the people of the Land O' Lakes who toil in obscurity to make their communities vibrant and progressive. It's a dangerous assignment in that it's impossible to acknowledge individuals without slighting someone. As such I will note certain events only to demonstrate they occur through the tireless efforts of volunteers and semiprofessionals, as in the case of elected representatives.

Don't scoff at the latter group; they put a lot of time into serving their communities ensuring

adequate services at a reasonable cost. I know for a fact the number of committees they sit on and meetings they attend is far greater than the public realizes.

With the downloading of many services to municipalities by the provincial government without adequate funding to support them has left municipalities virtually competing which each other for grant money to carry out these services.

Even paid municipal employees are tasked with carrying out the mandates of their respective councils in a manner not to raise the ire of taxpayers. Road crews work year-round in all kinds of weather, volunteer firefighters are on 24/7 call as are emergency workers. Inside municipal workers have to deal with the complexities of government paper work while dealing with irate citizen who feel they are entitled to an "exception" to a bylaw or that their road needs more maintenance.

But the backbone of rural communities are volunteers. They are the ones who not only

organize and run community events such as parades, festivals, fairs, community dinners, but many also work quietly helping the less fortunate in their communities. Groups of volunteers across the region plan and organize events for young people, the elderly, shut-ins, the depressed and lonely. Rarely do you hear of their dedication and hard work.

Volunteers are responsible for such programs as Meals On Wheels, Food Banks, transportation support, developing and running programs for young people.

Then there are the service clubs, again all volunteers, who contribute both time and money to various projects. A few examples (if I miss someone it's unintentional), The Northbrook Legion supports the Army Cadet Corp, a group of young people some of whom may end up serving overseas. The Northbrook Lions, routinely donate to various community groups and organizations including bursaries to graduating high school students. Even the Golden Sunset Club supports

their community. Denbigh has fire protection and library service, to name just two, because of volunteers. Further south in Kaladar, the youth have a drop-in centre, again thanks to volunteers. Flinton Community Club is famous for their supporters for various charitable causes.

In Tweed the various services clubs, Kiwanis, Lions, Kinsmen, Rotary, not to mention the Tweed Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi - also support various groups and individuals as well as the Tweed Legion. There is not enough space in this article to mention the good work the region churches do.

Even the youth like Teens In Action in Plainsfield who recently raised money to purchase a goat for an African family, represent the "significant event" of the year for the Land O' Lakes region.

I apologize for all the many and various others who are part of this story but space limitations dictate I cannot name everyone. You, the people, are the Land O' Lakes "significant event" for 2004 and beyond.

The SUN salutes you!

Street

Question of the week

Have you decided on at least one main resolution for the New Year?



I'm going to try to slow down in 2005 and spend more time doing what I like to do which is go camping.
Gloria Hawkes
Foxboro



"I don't have one because I don't make New Year's resolutions."
Doreen Frapre
Norwood

Highlights of 2004

Stirling Rawdon Volunteer Fire Fighters

By L.J. Jackson

Stirling Rawdon Volunteer Fire Department have had a busy year, attending to major fires in the area, Harold Cheese Factory and the Lake Family barn, as well as many other calls. They have attended accidents and assisted medical patients as first on the scene.

It was with honour they attended a young fellows birthday party to give all his birthday presents to children at Christmas, who were not as fortunate as himself.

2004 has seen the first female firefighter for the Stirling Rawdon Fire Department and she has fit in comfortably with her peers, providing the team with a female touch.

Each year the Stirling Rawdon Fire Fighters set up a booth in the middle of Front St. in Stirling to raise money to fight Muscular Dystrophy. This year they raised over \$8,000 from the generous community. Since the Fire Fighters began their annual drive in the 1970's, they have raised in excess of \$115,000 responding to the fight against MD.

Medical emergency training along with training for fires are ongoing and intense for the Volunteer Fire Fighters. In a fire situation, there are many situations where there is a risk of injury, including the fire itself, structures breaking, unstable floors, falling objects and falls from heights.

Fires can create dangerous situations such as sudden ignition of products creating "flashover" or "backdraft" where air is introduced to an area that is superheated and oxygen starved. The Stirling Rawdon Fire Fighters are trained to deal with all medical emergency situations and fire situations.

The Stirling Rawdon Fire Department honoured Fire Fighters from both halls, who have volunteered for many years of service and have continued to be dedicated and committed to jump out of bed in the midst of night for their community and neighbours.

A tip of the hat - to all the Volunteer Fire Fighters of 2004.

Photo from front page - The Stirling Hall of the Stirling Rawdon Fire Department gained an edge with their first female firefighter and a young boy gives up his birthday presents for those whose 2004 year have not been as fortunate. photo: L.J. Jackson

Highlights of 2004

Municipality celebrated major initiatives in 2004

By Rolly Ether

Campbellford --- Borrowing from an old Frank Sinatra song, it was a very good year for the Municipality of Trent Hills in 2004.

To a large extent utilizing SuperBuild dollars and other government money available for tourism-related projects, the newly-elected Council made a significant statement in respect to transforming the region into a more attractive place to visit, by adding:

A spectacular 300-foot suspension bridge span over the Ranney Falls gorge, linking the Rotary Trail with Ferris Park. First phase of \$440,000 Main

Street Redevelopment Project in Warkworth, culminating with a unique "long lunch" celebration.

Launch of the newly-renovated Hastings Village Marina, a one-million-dollar project that includes long-term dock room for 60 craft and a handsome marina centre.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the Ranney suspension bridge took place June 23rd, capping a dream come true. It was a particularly satisfying experience for the 81 Airfield Engineering Flight of CFB Trenton who built the bridge and the design team from the Gary Jewell engineering firm.

Looking over the spectacular 300-foot bridge span 90-feet above the Trent River gorge, Master Cpl. Rob Overton, the project site commander, said he was extremely proud of the final result.

He described the finished product as "absolutely beautiful and awe inspiring."

Magnetic Attraction

Since the opening, the suspension bridge has proven to be a magnetic tourist attraction, not only because of its unique presence but because it connects the Rotary Trail to Ferris Park.

On a beautiful sunny day,

Warkworth celebrated the completion of its Main Street project in typically unique style. The grand opening "long lunch" consisted of setting up a table down the middle of the Main Street that enabled 320 people to dine at one sitting.

It was just the first phase of a planned three-phase initiative that includes enhancements from Church and Mill Streets to Old Mill Park and the lighting of three bridges on Hastings Road, Mill Street and Northam Hill.

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To qualify, the area available for planting must be two hectares (roughly 5 acres) or more in size. The program will focus on planting abandoned and un-

derutilized farmland which has been relatively tree-less for at least the past 12 years.

"Forest 2020 offers qualified landowners an approximately 75 per cent reduction in the cost of planting and tending as well as technical support to ensure a successful planting," said Anne Koven of the Trees Ontario Foundation. "Our target is to plant 1,200 hectares

of land in Ontario this spring, focusing on abandoned or underutilized farmland."

TO, along with Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service, Conservation Ontario, the Ontario Forestry Association and other partners have launched the Forest 2020 Plantation Demonstration and Assessment Initiative, a program that provides financial assistance to landowners for tree planting.

The TO program offer is available to private landowners, and is designed to encourage the planting of trees on underutilized lands at a fraction of the normal costs. The inexpensive planting will be undertaken in exchange for landowners maintaining and managing the trees for at least 15 years, and agreeing that any carbon credits associated with the trees planted will be applied towards reducing Canada's greenhouse gas emissions under Kyoto.

For more information contact: Anne Koven or James Fieldhouse @ the Trees Ontario Foundation toll-free number 1-800-387-0790. Additional details can be found @ the Trees Ontario Foundation website - www.treesontario.on.ca

Timbertrail riders wrap up super year Hastings Legion hosts awards night

Hastings—Timbertrail Western Riders held their awards banquet at the Hastings Legion. There were many donations of auction prizes as well as award sponsors.

Timbertrail would like to send out a huge thank you to all of the businesses that donated prizes or auction items: Norwood Foodland, Beauty Watch, Cottage Country, Rabeth's Jewelers, Harvest Cupboard, Norwood Home Hardware, Wrangler Canada, Foxfire Trading, Porch and Parlour, Gunn Johnson, Norwood Convenience, Nelson's Western Boot Shop, Bioniche and The Tack Shack.

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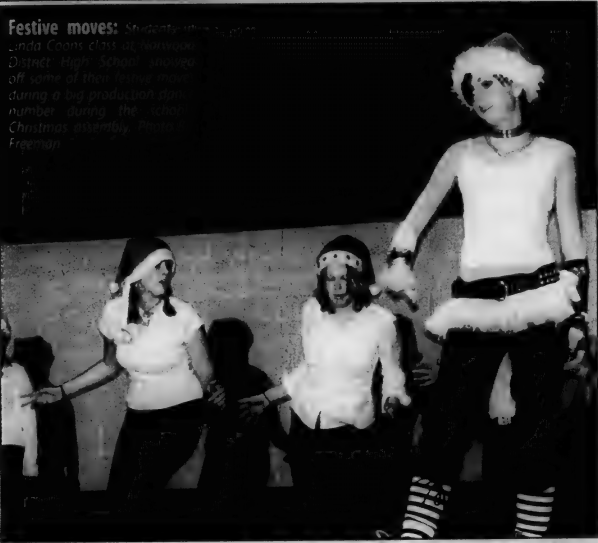
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Lady Knights hit the ice: The first NDHS girls hockey team to participate in official Kawartha High School League hockey action has shown a great deal of promise so far this season. The team played their first home game against a formidable St. Peter's squad and didn't back down. They got stellar goaltending from Leah Glenn and kept the score competitive at 7-1. Photo/Bill Freeman



Centre Hastings Grizzlies Silver Stick Winners

Congratulations Grizzlies

Centre Hastings Midget Grizzlies entered into the Pembroke Regional 20th Anniversary Silver Stick Tournament on December 3rd, 4th and 5th.

They were classified as the "underdog" going into the tournament but came out as the "top dog" surprising everyone. Hard work, determination and pride brought these young men to a new level in making their dreams come true.

The first game was against the Campbellford Colts with Centre Hastings ending the game with a 1 - 0 win, with the goal coming from Tyson Terrior assisted by Justin Black. Game 2, the Grizzlies met up with the Ennismore Eagles; played a good solid game, but were defeated 2 - 1. Centre Hastings lone goal came from Brennan Vezina, assisted by Travis Hughes.

In game 3, the Grizzlies were matched up with Valley Storm. Jarrod Cassidy was quick to put the puck past Valley Storm's goalie with Travis Hughes following with the go ahead goal to beat the Storm 2 - 1. Both assists came from the excellent defenseman Jonathan McConnell.

Game 4 was for the semi-final with Centre Hastings facing the Brighton Braves. This evenly matched game saw lots of end to end action with Centre Hastings taking the 2 - 1 victory win. Rob Blakely had a nice break away right to the net and was

rewarded with an unassisted goal. Jarrod Cassidy was quick to find the net after receiving a nice pass from Brennan Vezina to secure the lead.

On a roll and with the level of excitement flying high the Midgets were all revved up to play the Muskies, (Ottawa area team), for the finals in their "C" Division, (A,B,C Divisions based on population). After a scoreless first period and edge of your seat action Jarrod Cassidy assisted by Tim Brinkman managed to get the goal past the Muskrat goalie. Close to the end of the third period, Tyson Terrior secured the game when Justin Black made a beautiful pass to him to end the game 2 - 1 for Centre Hastings.

The Midgets brought home a trophy for the showcase as well as a banner to hang in the arena. Centre Hastings goalies Tyler Smith and Cody Clifford

deserve an extra pat on the back for giving it their all and holding the team together. An extra special thank you to the coaching staff - Bruce Gordon, James McConnell and Tim Black for stepping in and taking charge to lead this team to the finals.

Also special thanks to Johnny Ellis for being there as the team's number one fan and supporter.

The Grizzlies recognize the efforts of the executive members Ben Anger; Tim Auger and Cathy Coe.

Centre Hastings Grizzly Midgets - Congratulations Benjamin Anger; Colby Bird; Justin Black; Rob Blakely; Tim Brinkman; Jarrod Cassidy; Cody Clifford; Steve Ferguson; Travis Gordon; Travis Hughes; Johnathan McConnell; Dave Pollock; Tyler Smith; Tyler Tenbult; Tyson Terrior; Brennan Vezina and Brandon Walters.



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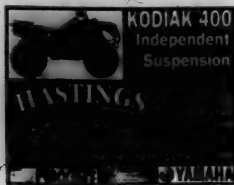
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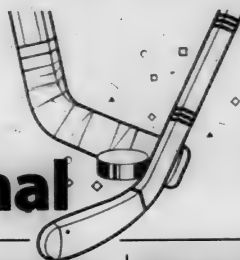
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Viper caught off guard by OHA honour



Vipers stopper: Ryan Aschaber won the OHA's player of the month award for November. He and teammate Mike Pickard have the Eastern Ontario Senior League's best goaltending stats. Photo/Bill Freeman

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - While it came as a surprise to Norwood Vipers goalie Ryan Aschaber that he was the Ontario Hockey Association's player of the month, it was no big surprise to those who try to put pucks past him in the Eastern Ontario Senior "A" League.

With four straight wins in November and an impressive 2.00 goals against average, it was pretty easy to see why the OHA selected the Peterborough native and former Windsor Spitfire to win the award.

"They (teammates) think I'm going to be a little conceited now that I've won this award," he jokes but notes that he is certain other Vipers will win the award too before the season is done.

The rangy goalie, now a student at Fleming College, had an excellent four year career with the Spitfires leading the league in save percentage in his final season. As an 18-year-old he got a chance to go to the Boston Bruins pre-season camp which he says gave him a "pretty exciting" look at the world of NHL hockey.

"Being so young it was a way to see what pro hockey was all about," he says.

Life as a Norwood Viper has been a pleasant surprise, Aschaber says. He heard about the team and its try-out camp on the radio and had also been playing summer hockey with the team's leading scorer Chad Birkhof and Vipers president and player Joe Hawley.

"It has been fun and has turned out to be better than I thought. I didn't really know generally how the others teams would be. There are some really good teams and skill level. I'm surprised."

Aschaber also says that games with the top teams like the Kingston Aces, Belleville MacFarlands and Whitby Dunlops have been "pretty intense."

"We get pretty geared up to play them."

Being a goalie he is a pretty good judge of defencemen and gives the corp working in front of him two thumbs up.

"They are really good -- the most solid in the league and it makes my job a lot easier. The whole group helps out and takes the shots away," Aschaber says. "You don't have to communicate all that much with them because they already know what they are supposed to be doing."

Aschaber likes to watch New Jersey Devils goalie Martin Brodeur play but that doesn't mean that he shapes his game after the NHL's marquee stopper.

"I don't really have one," he says of a personal goaltending style.

"You have to play your own style -- whatever is comfortable to yourself. You don't change your style for each game or team -- you have to play your own game."

Aschaber is tops in the league in goaltending with 19 goals allowed in 540 minutes and a sparkling 2.11 GAA. He and fellow goalie Mike Pickard are the stingiest in the league have made the big saves when their team has needed it.

The Vipers are coming off a draining series of three games in three nights including back to back tilts with Whitby and Kingston. They kick off the new year with two straight home games against Tamworth (Jan. 2) and Cobourg (Jan. 9).

Midget Colts engage in three one-goal verdicts in tournament action

Campbellford -- The Campbellford Precision Midget Colts played in the Silver Stick tournament on December 3-4, competing in three games. All proved to be exciting, closely-contested matchups that included a 1-0 loss to Centre Hastings, a 1-0 victory over Valley Storm and a 2-1 loss at the hands of Ennismore.

Basically, the Colts played well and had numerous chances to score, hitting posts and cross-bars, everything at times but the twine. It was nice to play away in this tournament, for most of the older players it was a memorable first time experience. The Colts had the next week off, due to many players going to New York on a school trip.

On Tuesday, December 14th the Precision Wood team travelled to Peterborough to play at the Memorial Centre and salvaged a 4-4 tie. The Colts took the lead with Peterborough scoring tie the match with 14 seconds left. Scoring for Campbellford was Dane Ellis, with a pair, with Morgan McMillan and Hendy Robinson getting one each. Assists went to Justin Chrysler (2) and singles for Mitch Gray, Cory Taylor and Hendy Robinson.

The Colts next opponent was Port Hope Dec. 19th. The Colts skated well against Port Hope's Major Midget lakeshore league team but suffered a 7-3 defeat. The Campbellford scorers were Cory Taylor, Wes Petherick and Dane Ellis.

Port Hope held a 4-3 lead into the third period with Campbellford losing most of the second period spark and Port Hope adding three more goals for the victory.

On December 22nd, the Precision Colts played a home game against Brighton winning 4-1. The team got the monkey off their backs following a good luck message from sponsors Laurie and Doug Runions.

Scoring for Campbellford was Steve Semeneec, Morgan McMillan with two and Wil Martin. Assists went to Morgan McMillan 2, Cory Taylor 2.

Midget AE's lose pair

Asphodel-Norwood - The Andy Calder Excavating / J.T. Promotions bantam AE played two recent games in league play but came out on the short end of both scores. The Hornets were beaten by the Lakefield Chiefs 5-2 with the Hornets turning in one of their best games of the year.

This was Norwood's fourth loss to the Chiefs but the gap is narrowing.

Andrew Wiecek scored with an assist to Adam Terry.

At home Dec. 15, the Hornets were in a giving mood -- breakaways, shots, pucks and everything else -- and lost 8-3 to Tweed. James Brandon, Corey LeBlanc and Toms scored with assists to Spencer Anderson, Clayton Leeming, Taylor Page, Brandon and Wiecek.

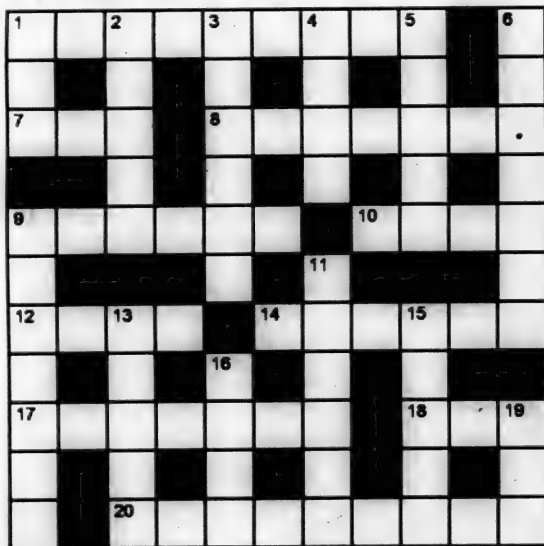
Bantam Hornets run over Colborne

Asphodel-Norwood - The Norwood Bantam Hornets skated past Colborne 6-1

Scoring twice for the Hornets was Alex Christopoulos with singles to Pearce McMilloyle, Jeremiah Oliver and Thomas Teasdale. Earning assists were James Moore, Eric Gallagher, Eric Scrivener, Jon Darrington, Eric Crowley and Seamus McDougall.

It was a penalty-infested game and the Hornets were disciplined by the coaching staff.

Puzzle of the week



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Across

1. Uprising (9)
7. Pallid (3)
8. Imagined (7)
9. Selected (6)
10. Object of worship (4)
12. Lowest male singing voice (4)
14. Ripe (6)
17. Permitted (7)
18. Purchase (3)
20. Decorative items (9)

Down

1. Uncooked (3)
2. Stringed instrument (5)
3. Climbing device (6)
4. Notion (4)
5. Wanderer (5)
6. Gratify (7)
9. Leafed vegetable (7)
11. Bicycle for two (6)
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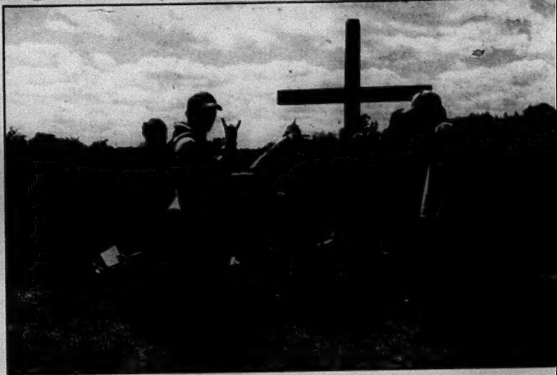
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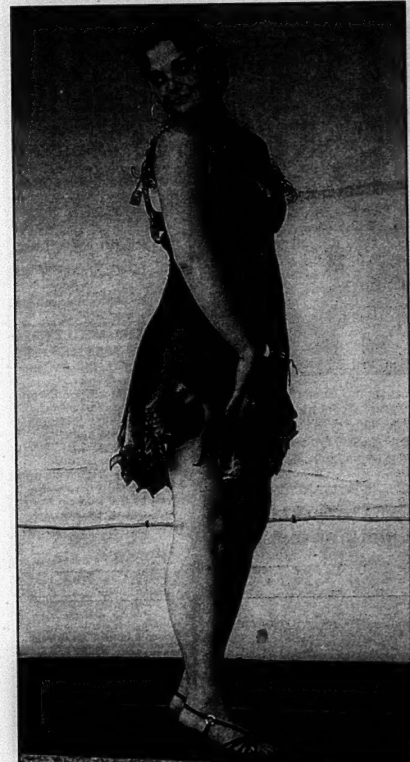
A Glimpse of 2004 in Madoc



Madoc Township Hall at Eldorado was the scene of many a good time. photo: L.J. Jackson



The two day Monkfest at Madoc attracted Youth for a camp out and music from various bands. L.J. Jackson



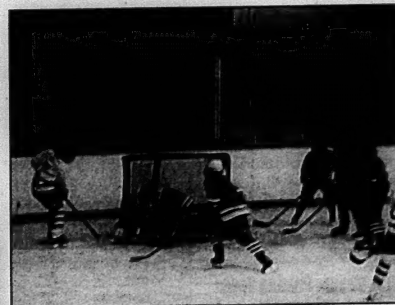
Local models were on stage and popular during Art in the Park. photo: L.J. Jackson



Jumping for joy, MPP Leona Dombrowsky, with only one shot, was a winner at the Madoc Lawn Bowling. Beside her is MP Daryl Kramp and Reeve Tom Deline. photo:L.J. Jackson



The Madoc Legion made a slow but steady march with them in honour of Second World War Veterans on Canada's D-Day. L.J. Jackson



Madoc Wildcats ended the 2004 Season with a win and are beginning this season with equal zest for the game. Make a resolution to come out and cheer the girls on. photo: Tessa Jordan (Lowry)



O'Hara Mill - Heritage Days at O'Hara Mill Conservation Area. A chance to see hands on how the way pioneers survived. A good year at the conservation area with many attractions and support from the community and surrounding areas. photo: L.J. Jackson

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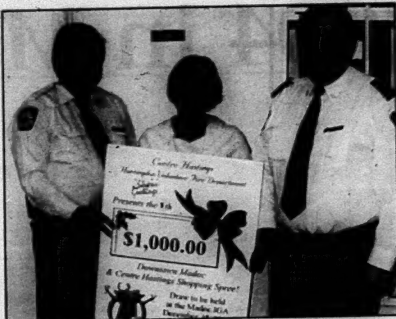
Fire Fighters Have Support

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assist calls and half car accidents, the Deputy Fire Chief reported that 2004 had shown more car fires. The response by the team of fire fighters, he complimented the men, showed professionalism and dedication.

Deputy Fire Chief Bill Pollock read the Firemen's Prayer:

When I am called to duty,
God, Where're the flames may rage,
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Whatever be its age.
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Or save some older person from
The horror of that fate.
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Amen.



Centre Hastings - One thousand dollars for the Centre Hastings Huntingdon Volunteer Fire Department Annual Shopping Spree fundraiser, is now in the pocket of Sylvie Cooney of Belleville. The winner purchased her ticket from Liz McGarvey at Orillia, when the girls were less than lucky at the Casino. In the photo: Mike Kerby, who spearheaded the draw and put much effort into getting the tickets out there resulting in five thousand tickets sold. Winner Sylvie Cooney and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Pollock. photo: L.J. Jackson



Centre Hastings - It wouldn't be a Christmas celebration at the Huntingdon Fire Hall without the Fire Fighter's Auxillary. The group of dedicated women have been consistent in their work and commitment to fundraise for needed equipment for the fire hall. This year alone, the Auxillary brought over \$3,500 to support the local fire department. photo: L.J. Jackson



Reeve of Centre Hastings attended the recent Fire Fighters Christmas celebrations at the Huntingdon Hall Fire. Praising the efforts of the Fire Fighters and their supporters, the Reeve, with the voice of council extended them well wishes in the New Year and a safe and happy holiday season. In an effort to show the appreciation of the people, Reeve Deline offered up a draw to those attending the event with the winner receiving a gift from Radio Shack at Madoc. In the photo: winner of the draw and daughter of the original Fire Chief Beth Hachey with Reeve Tom Deline. photo: L.J. Jackson



Centre Hastings - The Madoc Legion has come through again with a considerable amount of money for the Huntingdon Fire Hall able to purchase a much needed defibrillator as well as ten medical bags. In the photo: Centre Hastings Fire Chief Craig Horton; President of Madoc Legion Ron Butcher and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Pollock. photo: L.J. Jackson

Resolution for 2005 - Be a Volunteer Driver

By Cindy Hubble

As 2004 comes to a close the Central Hastings Transportation Partnership (CHTP) continues to work towards its goals and reflects on some of its accomplishments. The CHTP is a collaborative of four local agencies, Ontario Works, Central Hastings Resource Centre, Community Care for Central Hastings and Gateway Community Health Centre and is funded by a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Part of our objective was to inform the public about transportation options presently available in Central Hastings. This information has been collated into a one page, two-sided

document called "Transportation at a Glance". Public presentations have been on going within our communities to inform the public about our program and what transportation options are presently available.

Since the start of this initiative, we are pleased to announce that citizens of Central Hastings have heard our plea and new volunteer drivers have joined us at both the Community Care for Central Hastings and the Central Hastings Resource Centre.

The Central Hastings Transportation Partnership would like to offer our very sincere thanks to all our existing volun-

teer drivers and extend a warm welcome to our new volunteer drivers. With your continuous dedication and exemplary display of the spirit of volunteerism our communities continue to be great places to live. We wish to extend to you best wishes for the holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year.

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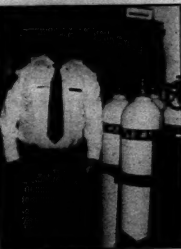
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Highlights of 2004

Community Centre was dream come true

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - Dreams do come true! Not always easily but on May 1 the Township of Asphodel-Norwood threw a party like no other to mark the opening of its \$4.279 million state-of-art community centre.

They were, as one person

noted at the time, the municipal equivalent of the little engine that could -- a community that rallied around a dream so big and grand that many said it couldn't be done.

But local residents (the pistons that drove this particular engine) delivered in a way that astounded nay sayers: the As-

phodel-Norwood Community centre with an NHL-sized arena with its own Skydome like reserved seats, a softball field (J.J. Stewart Field), a skateboard park, a multi-purpose "Millennium Room" and more.

It took nearly seven years (2,676 days to be exact) -- but the dreamers and volunteers,

members of the inspiring Action 2000 Committee, never wavered raising \$1.25 million locally waiting with a stunning degree of patience as the provincial and federal governments squabbled over shared infrastructure programs.

The stars did finally align and the project received \$3,091,814

in infrastructure funds.

"It is truly an extraordinary achievement. The community deserves this," Peterborough MP Peter Adams says. Mr. Adams was a diehard supporter of the project from the start but would be the first to admit he felt some heat from residents wondering where the promised infrastructure program had disappeared to.

"When the federal funding came through my main feeling was one of relief," Mr. Adams says.

"It is a day that will go down in history of Asphodel-Norwood," former Peterborough MPP Gary Stewart says. "If you look at other municipalities in Ontario, and certainly they would love to have this facility, but maybe don't have the community spirit you people have."

Community spirit was the watchword -- from the earliest feasibility study days initiated by the former Township of Asphodel and Village of Norwood to the emergence of the Action 2000 Committee which spearheaded tireless fundraising.

The municipality was expect-

ing a 66 per cent share of federal-provincial funding but had to settle for 40 per cent. Campaigners absorbed the body blow, reconfigured design needs to match the budget constraints and pressed on.

The Norwood Lions Club became the project's chief sponsor pledging \$325,000; individuals and local businesses followed suit in whatever way they could.

"This is about building communities and that's what Council set out to do," Reeve Doug Percy said.

"I can't say enough about the Action 2000 and the people of this community," Mr. Percy told the Register after the official ceremonies. "I'm just plated. I feel so good. It's been a lot of hard work."

Key to it all was building committee chair Paul Quinlan who weathered the ups and downs with aplomb and optimism.

"It was delightful for me to see the people come through the door and their reaction and I said to everyone 'you helped; you made it happen.'"

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Opening day: Max Scott, 97, threw out the first pitch during the opening of the \$4.29 million Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre May 1. Photo/Bill Freeman

Municipality celebrated

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For the Hastings Village Marina, it was the celebration of a five-year project that added long-term docking facilities for 60 craft and a handsome new marina centre.

Federal and provincial governments each contributed \$200,000 towards the project

with another \$360,000 coming from the sale of the Hastings Hydro facility. The balance of \$240,000 was raised through ongoing fundraising efforts, personal pledges and in-kind donations, proving the small community's fierce determination.